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POLISH GREAT SIGNS WITH APIA!



BY FRANK COLETTA

IN the biggest signing coup since Marconi's signing of Roberto Vieri from Italy some seven years ago, their Sydney-based, Italian-backed counterparts, APIA LEICHARDT have secured the signature of Poland's three time World Cup hero — GREGORZ LATO ...

The amazing deal was sealed by the APIA club last week amid a hive of security and secrecy.

APIA were not willing to give any details although all the pros and cons will be explained this week at a proposed press conference.

The important thing of Lato's signing is that he is going to play as a contracted player for the full 1986 season, he is NOT a guest player.

Lato was born in April, 1950, making him 36-years-old and with a couple of good years left in him yet.

In the 1974 World Cup Finals he was leading goalscorer with seven goals and in that competition helped Poland to third-place overall which culminated with a win over Brazil.

Once described as the 'Best Right Winger in the World', Lato went on to represent Poland in the 1978 and 1982 World Cups, their game invariably always revolving around him.

This continues a season for APIA in which they

The antiquated stand on the western end of the ground has been replaced and seating has been installed in the terraces already.

Soon the installation of new floodlights will take place and the ground will have a complete new look about it.

Congratulations are extended to the APIA committee on a fine job.

With the tradition that envelopes the APIA club it is only right that top class facilities follow them.

(Above) GREGORZ LATO on the ball for Poland in the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. He has signed with APIA for 1986.



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Terry Greedy and Johnny Warren

PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE

CANBERRA CITY PICKS UP A BIG SPONSOR

JAMES HARDIE INDUSTRIES, one of the most important corporations in Australia, will again sponsor Canberra City Olympians to the tune of \$75,000 in the 1986 Olympic Airways National Soccer League season.

BY JOHNNY WARREN

An announcement to this effect will be made in Canberra later this afternoon by the company's Group Services Manager, James Kelso.

James Hardie Industries' continued backing of the team is believed to be the largest sponsorship in the National Soccer League.

Kelso, and National Advertising Manager, Bryan Anstee, said James

Hardie Industries were more than pleased with their involvement with Canberra City and were delighted to be involved again this year.

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The Editor

WE noticed in a recent issue of the excellent New Zealand publication "Soccer Express" a front page story concerning Charlie Dempsey, chairman of the NZ Football Association.

The story stated that Dempsey, surely NZ's "Mr Soccer" as far as administration is concerned, has been honoured by FIFA.

The Kiwi Soccer boss has been invited by FIFA to play a role in the staging of this year's World Cup in Mexico.

The Soccer Express quotes Dempsey thus: "This is tremendous recognition for New Zealand and Oceania football. The appointment will help get our people on to other FIFA committees in the future."

It has already been reported that the chief executive of the Australian Soccer Federation, Brian Emery, will also be in Mexico this year on World Cup business for FIFA.

And it would be most surprising if the ASF president, Sir Arthur George, did not similarly appear at the festivities in Mexico.

Could it be that with Dempsey, Emery and George all being summoned to Mexico to assist with the running of the World Cup, the blighted Oceania Confederation is at last getting recognition from Soccer's international ruling body?

We would like to think this is true but, if FIFA's previous track record is anything to go by, Oceania will remain very much the poor relation of the world fellowship of football.

Let us be honest about this. Oceania is treated like an embarrassing impediment, barely clinging for survival in the vast FIFA family.

Indeed, we have often wondered why FIFA doesn't rid itself of the embarrassment by scrapping Oceania altogether.

Surely, Australia would be no worse off.

Oceania is the dumping ground of the world, a convenient Soccer wilderness into which the politically sensitive nations like Israel and Taiwan can be banished for qualifying matches in FIFA-organised tournaments.

As Australia discovered to its cost late last year, even success in the Oceania qualifiers does not allow a country to compete in the World Cup.

Instead, an additional massive hurdle - this time in the shape of Scotland - is thrown in the path of whichever country wins Oceania.

Next time, Australia and New Zealand have been "promised" that whichever nation wins the Oceania section will have to tackle a team from South America.

These are serious matters which ought to be resisted to the limit by the rulers of Soccer in this part of the world.

If the Oceania Confederation is not strong enough to supply a qualifier for the World Cup, it is up to FIFA to improve Oceania's strength.

That is the sort of deal the Oceania people should be wringing out of FIFA in May and June while they enjoy the Mexican sunshine.

As AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY has suggested more than once in the past, it is essential for FIFA to filter some countries from Asia into Oceania.

Asia is much too big. Oceania is much too small. Is the remedy for both problems too simple for the world's Soccer rulers to accept?

It is just not good enough for FIFA to half apologise, presenting the excuse that Asian countries do not wish to join Oceania.

This poses the question... "who is running world Soccer - FIFA or the individual countries in Asia?"

If FIFA wishes to see a stronger, more viable, Oceania Confederation, let it INSIST on the transfer of four or five Asian teams: for instance Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore, and the Philippines would do for starters.

Then it would be impossible for FIFA to deny direct entry to the World Cup for the best team in Oceania.

These are vital matters which must be put to FIFA by Charlie Dempsey, Brian Emery and Sir Arthur George.

If our representatives do not take firm action in this direction, Oceania will continue to be treated as rubbish by the FIFA hierarchy in Zurich.

Oceania desperately needs strong leadership at this time.

We must hope it is forthcoming.

BLACKTOWN DO IT EASY

BY FRANK COLETTA

TO SAY Blacktown City took out their first match in the Invitational Soccer Tournament in 'cruise mode' is not to underestimate the fact.

They easily accounted for State League club, Avala 2-0 even though the Demons never looked real 'world-beaters' at any stage.

Blacktown's English import, Peter Denyer scored both goals that secured his side victory.

OSHANA AUBURN STAR

IN the 31st minute Jones of Auburn sent a cross to Tony Oshana who cut into the area to score in the match against Avala at Marconi Stadium.

In the 41st minute, Oshana was in the action once again when his cross from the left gave Pagano the opportunity to score the second for Auburn.

After the break Avala came into the game for a short period and in the 48th minute a Kodor corner was headed in by Bratovic. From this point on Auburn took complete control.

In the 67th minute, O'Shane put Genc through into the box to score well.

In the 73rd minute Arbelo cracked home a hasty free-kick for the fourth goal and finally in the 78th minute, O'Shane broke clear from midfield rounded the 'keeper to score his second goal.

ROCKDALE LOSE TO BERRIES

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANTERBURY scored a well deserved 2-1 win over Rockdale Ilinden in Round 3 of the Invitation Tournament despite taking the field without their star defender, Spyros Hantzis.

Hantzis missed the match because of injury but this loss did not seem to have any effect on Canterbury's performance.

Recently transferred Sydney Olympic defender, young George Haniotis, did not have a happy debut for Canterbury as in the sixth minute he deflected the ball into his own net to give Rockdale the early lead.

Canterbury's young talented striker, Johnny Petas, equalised from 12 metres in the 22nd minute.

Canterbury's young but experienced midfielder, John Anagnostopoulos sealed Canterbury's first victory in this tournament by nailing in the Berries second goal nine minutes from full-time with a fine effort from 11 metres.

The first goal came after 57 minutes when he rammed home a bouncing ball with a fine volley.

In the 70th minute Gary Byrne and Brett Thornthwaite combined to give Denyer his second.

MARCONI'S TIGHT VICTORY

IN a close hard fought match, Marconi defeated Blacktown City by the only goal to enter the final in Round 3 of the tournament at Marconi.

In the 21st minute, Brett Thornthwaite the Demons' winger made a strong run down the left, slipped a low pass to Tony Brennan who unfortunately shot wide of the right post.

Both defences were outstanding but in the 38th minute Marconi broke through when midfielder Craig Mason sent a great through ball to Socceroo Ian Gray who scored with a fierce drive into the left corner of the net.

Tony Henderson Wheatley and Carter were outstanding for Marconi

DEMONS HAMMER AUBURN

BY FRANK COLETTA

THE new-look Blacktown City showed up many alarming deficiencies in the Auburn Uruguay line-up when they walked them at Marconi Stadium, 6-0.

Blacktown struggled to make the initial breakthrough throughout the first half but finally scored when winger Brett Thornthwaite punished a defensive error to crack his shot into the far corner of the goal.

When the teams came back for the second half Blacktown ran riot and started the rout in the 50th minute when classy defender Peter Willis sent a rasping drive into the net from the edge of the area.

John Bradley followed that fine goal with a fantastic effort six minutes later. He collected a cross on his thigh and then lobbed the Auburn keeper, Don Smith, with a first-time volley.

Auburn simply had no answer to the onslaught and they went further behind in the 63rd minute when Joe Carroll put home a lob from 25 metres.

Five minutes later Bradley got his second following a cross from Willis. Robbie Slater in his debut for his new club got his first goal for them in the 70th minute.

CANTERBURY BLOCKS SAINTS

ST GEORGE, despite fielding their new Scottish import striker, Stewart Porter, found themselves unable to break down the newcomers to the NSL, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic in Round 1 of the Invitation Tournament at the St George Stadium.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Canterbury Marrickville repeatedly blocked all Saints' aspirations for goals and were rewarded with a final scoreline of 0-0.

St George had fielded most of their stars, including Terry Greedy, Miklos Orsagh, Zoran Beluzic, David Ratcliffe, David Skeen, Mike and Johnny O'Shea, Pedro Rico and Andrew Koczka, yet this wealth of experience was well held by youngsters of the likes of George Kalogeras, and Spyros Hantzis of the Berries.

Canterbury Marrickville Olympic seems to have St George's measure as they managed to defeat them in their 1986 Ampol Cup encounter a few weeks ago.

MARCONI'S EASY WIN

MARCONI thrashed a weak Avala side 8-0 in their Invitation Tournament clash in a game that indicated Marconi will be challenging for this year's major national honours and Avala will struggle in the NSW State League.

The never-ending goal spree began as early as the fourth minute when David Lowe laid on a chance for midfield enforcer, Craig Mason, who neatly headed home.

When Paul Carter made a long scintillating run from the back in the ninth minute Marconi had their second goal on its way. Carters' cross was not grasped by the Avala keeper and the ever eager Lowe stuck the ball home.

Rod Brown made it 3-0 in the 24th minute following shots by Lowe and Peter Tredinnick that were only parried.

By then Avala were well and truly beaten although it took Marconi another half an hour to get the fourth.

That came through Socceroo Ian Gray via a Mark Jankovics cross.

Jankovics himself got on the scoresheet in the 66th minute following a 40 metre dribble by Lee Sterrey whose shot was blocked and subsequently landed at the feet of Jankovics.

Rene Licata grabbed the sixth when he easily rounded the keeper in the 76th minute and four minutes later Jankovics made it 7-0 with his second.

With four minutes remaining the humiliation was completed as Rod Brown claimed another goal.

MARCONI STROLL OVER AUBURN

THE Marconi juggernaut simply 'toyed' with Uruguay Auburn for 45 minutes of their meeting before running over the top of them in the second-half.

SYDNEY CITY TOO STRONG

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY CITY, the giants of the NSL, as expected, proved to be too strong for NSW State League side, Rockdale Ilinden in Round 1 of the Invitation Tournament, defeating them 4-1 at the St George Stadium.

Surprisingly, Rockdale hit the front in the first half through a well taken penalty by veteran striker, Rod Brown.

But in the second half, Sydney City's coach Eddie Thomson, turned loose the dynamic blonde striker, Grant Lee, who quickly rattled in two goals.

Experienced campaigners John Kosmina and Murray Barnes all entered their names on the score-sheet to complete Rockdale's fate.

— FRANK COLETTA



GERRY GOMEZ, Sydney's "Mr Versatile."

STRUGGLE FOR SAINTS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE found Attila Abonyi's Rockdale Ilinden just too resilient in defence in the Invitation Tournament, unable to break down their defence to get at the target.

Time after time, Rockdale came in with well

timed tackles to deny their more illustrious opponents goalscoring chances, despite Saints' highly active midfielder, David Skeen.

Skeen showed as always, great aggression in defending, but also shone in coming forward.

The nuggety Skeen, has improved his attacking component of his game enormously during this Tournament.

But in the 62nd minute, Saints' Peter Petkovski eventually worked his way through Ilinden's tight screen to crack in the winner and grab the points for St George.

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MEN could lose not only their hearts to this week's SOCCER BEAUTY Kellie Davis but their money as well. The lovely 18-year-old is a croupier at Jupiters Casino, Broadbeach, on the Gold Coast. And she is learning Japanese to help the tourists.

PHOTO: Richard Campion



MARCONI FAVOURITES FOR FINAL

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI look firm favourites to take out the Final of the "Invitation Soccer Tournament" tomorrow night against St George at the Marconi Stadium having gone through the preliminary rounds undefeated.

The men from Marconi turned in a card that read, "Played Three-Won Three, Scored 13 goals-Conceded-None". Top stuff.

St George scrambled into the Final when they defeated Sydney City last Sunday 4-1 in a surprise result that had the NSL champions bewildered at fulltime.

But the Saints will be without their star World Cup goalkeeper, Terry Greedy who is out with a broken rear rib.

Greedy's spot will be filled by the reliable Mike Gibson.

Marconi qualified for the Final, defeating Blacktown City 1 nil last Sunday, their smallest victory, but a victory nonetheless.

Marconi on paper, has the best attack-line with Mark Jankovics, Rod Brown and David Lowe all knowing what goalscoring is all about.

Porter has shown in early matches that he is

strong, composed and surprisingly quick in tight situations.

St George's tough little right-back, David Skeen has acquired a taste for goals lately, and scored last Sunday against Sydney City like a professional.

Also at the Marconi Stadium, in the early match at 7pm, Auburn takes on the young Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

Meanwhile at the St George Stadium tomorrow night, Sydney City faces Blacktown City in the late match starting at 8.45pm with Rockdale Ilinden playing Avala in the early clash starting at 7pm.

Cash prizes in these play-offs will be a percentage cut of the pooled gate monies collected from the three rounds played during the Tournament.

SAINTS SINK SYDNEY CITY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

ST GEORGE scored their biggest win in the Invitation Tournament when they defeated Sydney City 4-1 in Round 3.

Newly signed Scottish striker, Stewart Porter, having a fine match, opened the scoring for Saints in the 24th minute, after good lead up work by midfielder, Craig Moffitt.

Porter, for a big man, is proving to be quite quick over six metres, and this acceleration gives him a winning edge over his tight markers.

The Saints looked the better side for most of the first half, despite Sydney City displaying a wonderful exhibition of one-touch stuff in the same period.

But in the 61st minute, Sydney City's outstanding 18 year old striker, Abbas Saad, levelled the scoreline following a nice lobbed-cross from his midfielder, Peter Falconer from the left flank.

St George substitute, Zoran Beluzic, knocked Saints ahead in the 76th minute with a good goal and then right-back, David Skeen increased the lead with a brilliant snappy goal in the 83rd minute.

The best goal of the match however, was left till last. Striker, Tony Cavan, in the 86th minute, dragged infield from the right flank and blasted on the run a rocketing 14 metre "bomb" that crashed into Sydney City's net.

The Saints win gave them the ticket into tomorrow night's Final to battle Marconi at the Marconi Stadium.

STATE SIDE IS WELL BEATEN

THE first match in the Nanda National Cup was played at Hindmarsh Stadium between NSL club Adelaide Hellas and Salisbury United, from the SA State League, the final score favouring Hellas 3-0... the scorers Graham Honeyman (pen), and George Konstandopoulos in the 72nd and 83rd minutes.

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

Hellas coach Neil McGachey sprung a surprise when at half-time he brought on Robbie Dunn.

Dunn's clearance for \$21,000 from Preston was finalised 36 hours before the match.

The first half was a dull affair, 0-0, with no chances created.

With the introduction of Dunn as centre-forward, Honeyman moved into midfield and Hellas looked a totally different side.

Hellas eventually took

the lead in the 66th minute. The referee awarded a penalty when Dunn was flattened in the box following a corner. Salisbury keeper saved the shot from Honeyman but could not hold on and Honeyman sent in the rebound.

Konstandopoulos then burst away down the flank and unleashed a great volley to score.

Six minutes later Konstandopoulos sealed the match with a nice header.

Two of Hellas' key players, former Youth Socceroos, John Panagis and Lou Hristodoulou, were sidelined through injury.

Both players should be fit for the first NSL match on March 30 against Sunshine GC at Hindmarsh.

ADELAIDE HELLAS: Sproul, Yankos, Brown, Nasulous, Price (Dunn 45), Scott, Manou (Papadopoulos), Hearn, Honeyman, McLachlan, Konstandopoulos.

SALISBURY: Gale, Leitner, Hutchins, Begg, Harwood, Leightman, Pass, Williams, Gasparetto, Boyle, Bell.

Referee: Jim Russey
Crowd: 2000



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THE GLOVES ARE OFF

IT REALLY WAS QUITE A NIGHT

RECENTLY, the socialites of Sydney turned out to welcome the Queen and Phil to our fair city.

Sprinkled among the dignitaries were the Sydney-based national representatives of the various sporting codes.

An air of anticipation greeted the St George Soccer contingent as we entered the ballroom of the Sheraton-Wentworth.

A quick scan around the room revealed many familiar faces from various walks of life.

Eventually we managed to locate the Soccer fraternity.

There was Ignatious (Ian) Gray looking suave with his lovely girl friend. Further searching uncovered Rockmelon (Steve O'Connor) and Kossie (John Kosmina) partaking of a light refreshment as their better halves chatted excitedly with Mr and Mrs Watson about the chances of getting to talk to "them". (Little did they realise what was to come as the night unfolded).

The Croatia connection were next to emerge from the milling crowd. There was Arny (Graham Arnold) and Odji (Zarko Odzak) accompanied by their lovely ladies. But who was that with them?

Being the adventurous type I casually strolled over to investigate. Shock! Horror! It was the most expensive defender in Australia — Graham

("call me Flash") Jennings. I was stunned along with the others. I had to ask: "Flash, what happened to your hair? It's gone curly."

You could have cut the air with a knife as we all waited for an explanation.

Someone asked: "Is there a clause in all contracts with Croatia that says players must have curly hair?"

This was quickly denied by Arny.

At last Flash put our minds to rest by telling us his new image was his own idea, more in keeping with his new status in the game. So now we have Curly Kovacic, Curly Arnold and Curly Jennings in the

By Terry Greedy

Australia's World Cup Goalkeeper

After a rendition of God Save The Queen, Phil and Liz separated, moving off in opposite direction along the lanes marked on the floor.

Now the jostling and tension increased as people pushed forward.

Nifty was having trouble extricating his suit sleeve from the groping hands trying to gain his attention for an audience with the Queen.

She rounded a corner and moved along the path. Just when it seemed as if we had missed out, Liz stopped, turned and moved towards us.

"And what sport do you play?" she asked. And a short conversation followed.

As I was conversing with the Queen, I managed to glance over to where the expatriate Brits were standing. You should have seen their faces (a green shade.)

Joe Watson was on his knees (I think.) Albert (David) Ratchiffe, with



Australia and we pointed out the British contingent across the way.

Turning, he walked over and the wives stopped their tears in time to show their "Macleans."

"Where are you all from?" asked Phil.

"I'm from Bradford," replied Albert, with a touch more accent than was required.

"I'm a wee Scot from north of Edinburgh," answered Joe.

"And what about you?" questioned Phil, looking straight at Arny. "Are you a NATIVE?"

"No", came a quick reply, "I'm from here."

At that point Phil decided it was time to move on. He bade farewell to the "refugees" and carried on.

By now, people within earshot were rolling round in fits of laughter. But Arny, as always, remained calm under the pressure.

Another notable guest at the function was the ASF president, Sir Arthur George.

What a shame Sir Arthur didn't bother to acknowledge our presence

with a simple how do you do?

I suppose he thought the Queen and Phil were too hard an act to follow.

ALL PLAYERS FIRM

ON MATCH PAY

In reply to Tom Anderson's comment relating to the payment of national team players, which appeared on Monday March 10 in a Sydney newspaper.

Mr Anderson wrote about the few grumbles by national team players who "really have had their day".

I would like to point out that the majority of players felt the same as those senior players who spoke out.

The senior players who were finished with national team duties were the only ones in a position to speak out without

jeopardising their inclusion in the squad.

Indeed, the comments made reflected the feelings of ALL players and it was only the pride of representing our country which allowed each and every player to perform at his highest level.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK

Terry Greedy

United fill third position with their chances of the championship fading week by week.

On Sunday, at Goodison, Gerry Murphy put Chelsea in front in the 11th minute and that goal looked good enough for the three points until Everton supplied their belated 86th minute equaliser.

Chelsea's star performer was goalkeeper Eddie Niedzwiecki who dealt capably with everything the Merseysiders threw at him.

EVERTON'S

BELATED

EQUALISER

EVERTON went desperately close to defeat on their own Goodison Park ground in the big Sunday match in the English first division.

The table-toppers were trailing 1-0 to Chelsea with only four minutes to play when a late raid salvaged a point for Everton.

Scorer was Irishman Kevin Sheedy who headed home a cross supplied by substitute Adrian Heath.

So Everton stay in top spot while Chelsea stay fourth but, with vital matches in hand, Chelsea are well placed to challenge for the title.

Everton are three points clear of Liverpool in second place. Manchester

INVITATION SOCCER TOURNAMENT FINAL

MARCONI OVAL

Wednesday, March 19th

MARCONI vs ST GEORGE

KICK-OFF 8.45PM

REFEREE:
G. CARR

Early match ... 7pm
Uruguay-Auburn vs Cant-M'ville-Olympic

REFEREE: T. SEACY

ST GEORGE STADIUM

Wednesday, March 19th

BLACKTOWN CITY vs SYDNEY CITY

KICK-OFF 8.45PM

REFEREE:
G. WARNE

Early match ... 7pm
Rockdale Linden vs Avala

REFEREE: P. WOODS

TROUBLE LOOMING

BY PHIL MURPHY

BIG trouble is brewing in Wollongong after a decision by the Illawarra Association to stage weekly "match of the day" promotions in opposition to Wollongong City games at Wollongong Showground.

The ISA have decided to select a feature match every Sunday with the other five premier league games being played on Saturdays.

Every second Sunday the NSL fixture will now have to compete with this feature district match.

Many district officials and supporters are against the Association's stand and claim all their games should be played on Saturday.

Cringila coach Darryl Glover said the Wolves should have Sunday to themselves as the major Soccer body in Illawarra.

"If there is a district game played it is only natural players, coaches and supporters of other clubs will go to watch it," Glover said.

The Steelers never have to compete with any other Rugby League matches when they are at home.

To add to Soccer's problems in Wollongong, State League clubs Fairy Meadow and Wollongong Macedonia have to try to juggle their games in to avoid any clashes.

One major problem has already appeared in that direction.

The day they meet in their first local derby, Wollongong City are drawn at home against Newcastle. Matches are already underway to change that clash.

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SYDNEY CITY SPONSORED BY WORLD FAMOUS "LOTTO"

SYDNEY CITY, champion NSL side, has just secured a most valuable sponsorship from the world famous sports firm, LOTTO.

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Lotto, the top selling name of sportswear and football boots all over Europe, is based in Italy and sponsors many leading Italian Soccer stars, not to mention a huge involvement in tennis.

Eddie Thomson, Sydney City's manager-secretary, said last night:

"We are very happy with Lotto's involvement and grateful for their sponsorship.

"I am sure they will get excellent value now that they have chosen to sponsor one of Australia's strongest Soccer teams."

Sydney City's NSL squad has been outfitted by Lotto with travel-kit bags, high quality tracksuits, training footwear, sweatshirts, casual shoes as

well as their world-famous Soccer boots.

The Marketing Director of Lotto, David Stanley, told ASW last night:

"Naturally we are proud to be associated with Sydney City."

"We regard all our products as champion in their field and thus are pleased to be associated with a champion side like Sydney City, who have proven themselves over many years in Soccer."

"At this stage, we are looking forward to a long term association with Sydney City."

It is expected that Sydney City stars of the likes of Frank Farina, John Paul de Marigny, Grant Lee and others, will feature in some promotional work for Lotto in the future.



SYDNEY CITY ACTION

MELBOURNE CROATIA DEMOLISH SYDNEY

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

MELBOURNE CROATIA annihilated their Sydney counterparts to win their inaugural Ansett Challenge Shield at Melbourne's Olympic Park.



ZARKO ODZAKOV...first goal.

unleashed a volley which rebounded off the crossbar.

Melbourne continued dominating the game in the second half using effectively a midfield superiority. Second half substitute Anti Lujic produced the final goal in the 70th minute placing the ball wide of Watson's reach, from a Biskic through ball.

Sydney Croatia were hit by ill-fate in the 42nd minute when Jurin broke clear of the defence and

The win confirmed Melbourne Croatia's tremendous form in the pre-season as well as a huge improvement under Biron Bleiberg, the new coach.

It seems that they are destined to play a leading role in this year's championship if they continue performing the way they have in the night series.

SBS TV READY FOR SUPER SOCCER SEASON

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SBS TV is getting geared up for another super season to bring viewers the most comprehensive and concise coverage of local Soccer.

Now acknowledged as the Super-Soccer Network, SBS will present three weekly programmes centred on the Olympic Airways National League and highlighting the top talent in local football.

The first of the new programmes goes to air on Friday at 6pm commencing last Friday.

The programme is called "Soccerama" and will be a brand new production presented weekly as a 30 minute preview of the NSL.

"Soccerama" is a studio-based programme and will be hosted by Les Murray, featuring a panel discussion.

Details of all State League competitions will be incorporated.

"Match of The Day" returns for the 1986 season, going to air at 10.30pm from last Sunday, providing full coverage of that day's top attraction.

The final part of SBS-TV's Soccer coverage is the return of "Olympic Airways Soccer League" on Mondays at 6pm, which commenced last night.

This is a one hour show, focusing on the major matches from the previous weekend's NSL, highlighting all the action and the goals scored from all round Australia.

The SBS-TV Soccer season got under way last Sunday when the Ansett Challenge Shield played in Melbourne between Melbourne Croatia and Sydney Croatia was screened on "Match of The Day".

In the coming weeks, matches from the Nanda Cup will be covered by the network plus clashes from the Olympic Airways Soccer League which kicks off on Sunday, March 30.

As well, as in previous years, "World Soccer" will still be shown every week on Saturdays at 6pm, a one hour focus on top International Soccer from countries like Brazil, France, Spain and Italy.

Soccerama, Match Of The Day, Olympic Airways Soccer League and World Soccer programmes will all have Gary Thorntwaite as Executive Producer.

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CHIT CHAT

ADELAIDE teenager Tony Dorigo now a regular in Aston Villa's first team in England looks set to gain representative honours for his adopted country.

Dorigo has taken out British citizenship and a place in England's Under 21 side awaits him.

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SYDNEY CITY boss Eddie Thomson predicts a big season ahead for his comeback star Ian Souness.

It could well be that Souness will once again force himself back into the reckoning for Soccerco honours.

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REG CHILBY was knocked out playing in a recent trial for Wollongong City against Wollongong Macedonia.

Chilby, who was with State league Fairy Meadow last season, wasn't flattened by a Macedonia player — it was the referee who did the damage.

Mario Mastrolanni, without doubt one of the smallest senior referees in Australian Soccer, did the damage with his elbow.

Chilby is on the tall side so everyone is asking what happened for his head to come into contact with the referee's elbow.

Wolves coach John Fleming is hoping to get Chilby on a swap deal from Fairy Meadow to fill in for the injured Scott Dickson for the first two months of the season.

The Wolves players involved in the swap are utility player Phil Kerr and goalkeeper Natch Vardareff.

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AT the SA Ampol Cup semi-final, Adelaide Hellas was knocked out by Rothmans League club Beograd... the final score was 1-0.

The game went into extra time, and the Beograd goal was scored by Sean Greaves in the second minute of extra time.

But don't let the result shock you, as Beograd were very lucky to win. Had it not been for their goalkeeper Frank Pasquini who made several miraculous saves the score could have been 6-1 in favour of Hellas.

The other semi-final was won by Adelaide City when it downed Azzurri 1-0. The scorer was Adrian Santrac in the 75th minute.



Australia's TONY DORIGO, soon to play for England.

APIA LEICHARDT and Sydney Olympic should know each other well enough after the next few weeks.

The two teams played a match in Newcastle last Saturday. They are also due to play in the Nanda National Cup next weekend. And they have agreed to play yet another match soon as part of the transfer deal which took Mark Koussas from Olympic to Apia.

Proceeds from that game will be shared on the basis of 65 per cent to Olympic and 35 per cent to Apia.

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WHEN Steve O'Connor was up for sale recently, Sydney City did not receive one enquiry for his transfer.

This means, either the Socceroo centre-half is not a very good buy or, more likely, there is just no spare cash in the game to lash out on big fees.

Hopefully, "Rocky" has just about settled his differences with the Slickers and will be welcomed back to the fold.

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ST GEORGE's new import from Scotland, Stewart Porter, has quickly settled into his new surroundings and is loving every minute of his stay here.

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THE St George club has run into a bit of bother with the St George Council over the sale of liquor at St George Stadium.

The outcome has been that liquor sales at the ground stopped.

It seems as if the St George Council is not satisfied with having a fall-out with the Rugby League club who have moved to the SCG this year — they also want a dust-up with the Soccer club.

FULL MARKS to SYDNEY OLYMPIC for their "Walking Towards the Future" effort last week.

The walk undertaken by Olympic in conjunction with Westfield Shoppingtowns, raised a total of \$49,000, minus expenses, ending up at \$30,000.

The walk was most interesting because of the participation of noted runners in the ageless Australian Cliff Young and the great Greek long-distance runner, Yiannis Kourous.

Both these men are well known for their exploits in the Westfield Run of the past few years, both winning the Sydney to Melbourne Marathon.

All enjoyed themselves immensely including the Sydney Olympic players.

Keep up the good work, Mr Premier.

MANY nice things have been said and written about the new Parramatta Stadium which was officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen.

That's good. When we consider the wreck of a place it has replaced, nobody should stint with the praise.

But we have one complaint. The roof of the grandstand does not protrude far enough over the seating. This means many thousands of people in stand seats are going to get very wet when it rains.

What a pity this was not attended to when the building was going up.

Could it be that someone cut a few corners to save a few dollars on the grandstand cost?

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NSW Premier Neville Wran, a Rugby League supporter from way back, has become a keen Soccer follower.

Welcome to the club, Nifty!

ASW suspected the Premier was leaning towards Soccer a year ago when he confessed he had a grandson who was turning into a useful Soccer player.

Next step in the "conversion" of Premier Wran was on December 4 at Olympic Park, Melbourne, when he was a surprise arrival for Australia's vital return World Cup match against Scotland.

Mr Wran, it seems, made a hasty decision to fly from Sydney to Melbourne on that occasion because he knew it would be a match to remember. He was right.

Now, we hear, the NSW Premier is a keen watcher of SBS overseas Soccer at weekends and is eager to chat with his staff about the televised matches every Monday morning.

No wonder the NSW Soccer Federation has been treated generously by the State Government to help push along the Valentine Park project.

Keep up the good work, Mr Premier.



WORLD CUP ACTION from 1982 in Spain as Algeria celebrate a goal against Chile. ASW readers are getting a heap of World Cup news and are loving it.

WOLLONGONG City will have an unexpected windfall this season.

They share Wollongong Showground with Illawarra Steelers Rugby League team and the Steelers have erected eight private boxes at the back of the main grandstand.

The Rugby League people are asking big dollars from companies interested in hiring them for the season so they are naturally a little upset at hearing the Wolves will be letting their boxes at just \$400 for the season.

One of the main reasons is that the Wolves are asking such a small figure. But as publicity man Jack Zanier points out, if they fill four boxes, it will be \$1600 more than they had to start with.

Some Steelers directors are upset at the developments but as the Showground is on public land, there is nothing they can do to prevent the Wolves cashing in.

They seem to have forgotten about the big money the Wolves spent on rebuilding the fence around the ground to stop people gate-crashing not too long ago.

That fence also stops people from watching Steelers games without paying.

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MANY of the 5,000 supporters who were at Hindmarsh Stadium to watch the SA Ampol Cup semi-final were wondering why Adelaide Hellas new signing Charlie Yankos was wearing number 18 on his shirt.

Hellas coach Neil McGachey explained that he lists his players on alphabetic order.

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STAR SOCCER SHOP — "ASW" Soccer Quiz Results: Week No.2 — The first prize of a Mitre Skill Ball was won by P. Pace.

The five consolation prize winners of a double pass to the Adelaide City v Footscray match at Olympic Sports Field on April 6 were: G. Siciliano, A. Angelo, J. Frohm, F. Favretto and F. Tiramacco.

ADELAIDE HELLAS coach Neil McGachey and Co. appeared to be very upset when they found that Beograd's coach John Nyskohus and Co. had already occupied the coaching box on the left at Hindmarsh Stadium before the kick-off in the Ampol Cup semi-final.

It's a known fact that the home side is the home ground for the Hellas club, but this does not apply for the Ampol Cup competition.

COP this for a promotion gimmick — If you are a female and wish to attend NSL matches in Adelaide this year it will not cost you a cent.

The Adelaide City and West Adelaide management committee met recently and decided on the issue.

For the opening of the 1986 season on March 30, West Adelaide plays Preston at Hindmarsh Stadium while Adelaide City travels to Melbourne to meet Heidelberg.



STEVE O'CONNOR



TOM McCULLOCH in his Marconi days.



Flashback: Mark Koussas torments the Argentine defence as Australia wins 2-1.

APIA LEICHARDT are very angry about the latest developments - complete silence! - in the saga of former Youth team skipper Tommy McCulloch.

McCulloch has been in Scotland for the past few weeks where he is apparently having trials with Hibernian.

Trouble is, the player has not been in touch with his club, Apia, and they want to know what is going on.

Last year, McCulloch cost Apia plenty when he was signed from Marconi.

That money seems to have gone down the drain.

"This club invested a lot of money in McCulloch and we want to get it back," said Apia coach Rale Rasic.

But if McCulloch doesn't make the grade in the UK, what next?

He'll have to return to Australia and, presumably, sign on with another new club.

That poses more problems. It is extremely doubtful if any club here has the money to buy the midfielder.

An Apia official said: "All we want is our money back - not a cent more."

Right now, though, there is little chance of Apia getting their cash.

FRANK FARINA, turned out last week for the Brothers Soccer Club in Brisbane in the match against Brisbane Lions.

Farina was invited by the Brothers Club not the Rotary Club. For the record Lions won 2-0.

NEARLY 80,000 spectators trooped through the turnstiles to watch this year's NSW Ampol Cup series and NSW president John Constantine is confident the petroleum company will be back with another sponsorship for next season's competition.

THE Parklea complex... now called Valentine Park... will be finished later this year and will be the best training facility in NSW.

However it won't be confined to Soccer and NSW president John Constantine has already had talks with Rugby League officials over League using the facility to prepare its representative teams.

Keeping the place occupied is the name of the game at Valentine Park.

ALTHOUGH some traditionalists abhor the jazzy publicity and promotion now being seen in the amateur Rugby Union code, there is no doubt it is helping to sell the sport to the public.

Rugby Union has never been a big spectator sport - unless you happen to live in Wales or New Zealand - but great things are expected this year from the expensive publicity campaign.

Isn't it time for Soccer to climb on the band wagon and start spreading its wings on the promotional side?

Trouble is, whenever Soccer has allied itself to marketing whiz kids, the results have been miserably disappointing.

The big remedy for our many problems was, in some marketing people's opinions, summer Soccer. Ouch! Let's forget about that.

A QSF investigation is now underway following blatant and sick vandalism to president Ian Brusasco's new luxury BMW car.

The immaculate vehicle was attacked and obscenities scratched on the paintwork while Brusasco watched a recent pre-season match.

With the number of people around for the evening's double-header, someone surely must have seen something.

ASW's congratulations are extended to Blacktown City on their professionalism in running the club.

The Demons are working their butts off to show the NSL that they should be one of the 14 NSL sides next season.

It would be a credit to the game if they were, if early indications of this season are anything.

The Blacktown committee and staff have gone out of their way to help the media especially.

They organised a "Meet the Players Night" and extensive press-kits and the like are just a couple of the things they have gone to the trouble to supply.

If their work on the field equals the work off it, Blacktown should be one of the first teams chosen for next year's revamped national competition.

IS Robbie Slater, the Blacktown City winger, injury-prone?

This is the question now being asked in Soccer circles after Slater's latest injury - a damaged ankle.

The youngster has just recovered from a knee injury.

WHAT a difference a few years make!

Back in 1981, MARK KOUSSAS was the toast of Australia when he carried off the "Golden Boot" in the World Youth Finals.

His goals earned him instant fame although his missed penalty in the quarter-final against West Germany (lost 1-0) may have detracted from his effort a little.

But nonetheless, Koussas had the world at his feet literally at that time but he just hasn't been able to kick on.

He was going great guns at one stage for Sydney Olympic.

Back in 1983 it seemed he would once again rule the roost of goalscorers as he began to knock them in with regularity once more. But it was not to be.

After a few encouraging performances Koussas fell by the wayside and up until his move to APIA Leichhardt, was languishing much too often in the Olympic reserves.

With his change to APIA it seemed a new lease of life may be given to him by coach Rale Rasic.

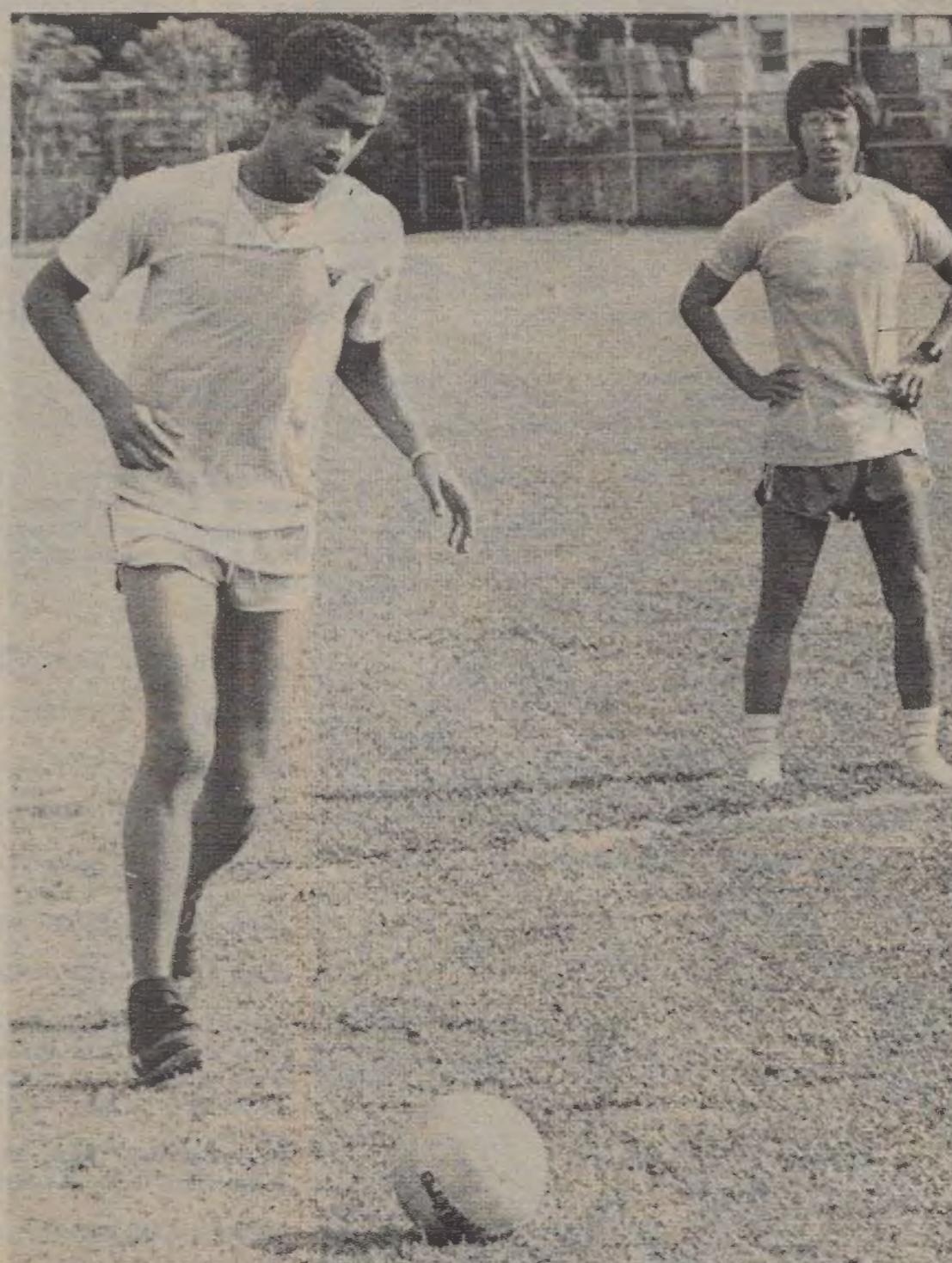
So far Koussas hasn't produced the goods but only time will tell if he can grab the scoring touch he once had.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC SOCCER CLUB 'LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE.'

WALK-A-THON 1986



Pictures from Sydney Olympic's Walkathon, including such notables as Cliff Young and his wife, Yannis Kouris, Manfred Schaefer and Sydney Olympic players.

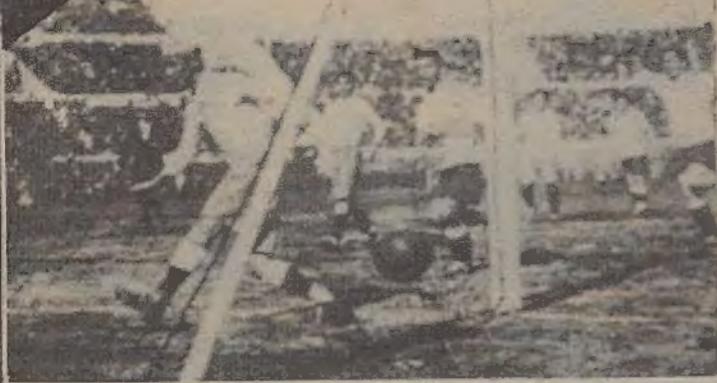


SIMON OGUN in training.

WORLD CUP 1986



1930



1934



1938



1950



1954



1958



WORLD CUP GROUPS

GROUP A: (To play at Puebla and Olympic Stadium, Mexico City).
ITALY, BULGARIA, ARGENTINA, SOUTH KOREA.

GROUP B: (Aztec Stadium Mexico City and Toluca).
MEXICO, BELGIUM, PARAGUAY, IRAQ.

GROUP C: (Leon and Irapuato).
FRANCE, CANADA, SOVIET UNION, HUNGARY.

GROUP D: (Guadalajara).
BRAZIL, SPAIN, ALGERIA, NORTHERN IRELAND.

GROUP E: (Queretaro and Neza Stadium, Mexico City).
WEST GERMANY, URUGUAY, SCOTLAND, DENMARK.

GROUP F: (Monterrey).
POLAND, MOROCCO, PORTUGAL, ENGLAND.



1962



1966



1970



1974



1978



1982

THE MATCHES — WHEN AND WHERE

GROUP A: May 31 ITALY v BULGARIA (Aztec Stadium) June 2 ARGENTINA v SOUTH KOREA (Olympic Stadium) June 5 ITALY v ARGENTINA (Puebla) BULGARIA v SOUTH KOREA (Olympic Stadium) June 10 ITALY v SOUTH KOREA (Puebla) BULGARIA v ARGENTINA (Olympic Stadium).

GROUP B: June 3 MEXICO v BELGIUM (Aztec Stadium) June 4 PARAGUAY v IRAQ (Toluca) June 7 MEXICO v PARAGUAY (Aztec Stadium) June 8 BELGIUM v IRAQ (Toluca) June 11 MEXICO v IRAQ (Aztec Stadium) BELGIUM v PARAGUAY (Toluca).

GROUP C: June 1 FRANCE v CANADA (Leon) June 2 SOVIET UNION v HUNGARY (Irapuato) June 5 FRANCE v SOVIET UNION (Leon) June 6 CANADA v HUNGARY (Irapuato) June 9 FRANCE v HUNGARY (Leon) CANADA v SOVIET UNION (Irapuato).

GROUP D: June 1 BRAZIL v SPAIN (Jalisco Stadium) June 3 ALGERIA v NORTHERN IRELAND (Third of March Stadium) June 6 BRAZIL v ALGERIA (Jalisco Stadium) June 7 SPAIN v NORTHERN IRELAND (Third of March Stadium) June 12 SPAIN v ALGERIA (Third of March Stadium) BRAZIL v NORTHERN IRELAND (Jalisco Stadium).

GROUP E: June 4 WEST GERMANY v URUGUAY (Queretaro) SCOTLAND v DENMARK (Neza Stadium) June 8 WEST GERMANY v SCOTLAND (Queretaro) URUGUAY v DENMARK (Neza Stadium) June 13 WEST GERMANY v DENMARK (Queretaro) URUGUAY v SCOTLAND (Neza Stadium).

GROUP F: June 2 POLAND v MOROCCO (University Stadium) June 3 PORTUGAL v ENGLAND (Technological Stadium) June 6 MOROCCO v ENGLAND (Technological Stadium) June 7 POLAND v PORTUGAL (University Stadium) June 11 POLAND v ENGLAND (University Stadium) June 11 MOROCCO v PORTUGAL (Technological Stadium).

SECOND STAGE: Top two in each group plus the four best third-placed teams will go through to the last 16. (A1 indicates the top finisher in Group A, and so on).

June 15 B1 v either A3, C3 or D3 at Aztec Stadium. Winner will be number 8 for quarter-finals. Example - B1 could be Belgium. They would play either A3, possibly Bulgaria, C3 possibly Soviet Union or D3, possibly Northern Ireland. The third placed teams will be drawn 'out of a hat' if you like to determine who they play.

June 15 C1 v A3/B3/F3 at Leon. Winner 4.

June 16 A1 v C3/D3/E3 at Puebla. Winner 1.

June 16 D1 v B3/E3/F3 at Jalisco Stadium Guadalajara. Winner 5.

June 17 A2 v C2 at Olympic Stadium Mexico City. Winner 6.

June 17 F1 v E2 at University Stadium Monterrey. Winner 7.

June 18 F2 v B2 at Aztec Stadium Mexico City. Winner 2.

June 18 E1 v D2 at Queretaro. Winner 3.

QUARTER-FINALS: June 21 5 v 6 at Jalisco Stadium. Winner C for semi-finals.

June 21 7 v 8 at University Stadium. Winner D.

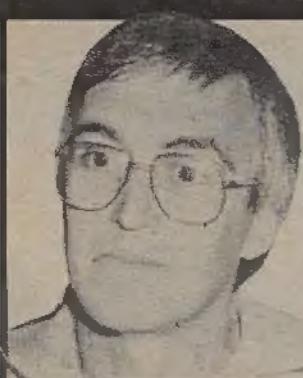
June 22 3 v 4 at Puebla. Winner B.

June 22 1 v 2 at Aztec Stadium. Winner A.

SEMI-FINALS: June 25 A v B at Aztec Stadium.
June 25 C v D at Jalisco Stadium.

WORLD CUP FINAL: June 29 at the Aztec Stadium.

Star Profile



BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON

EDDIE THOMSON, Sydney City's 39 year old champion NSL coach, has again saddled up with the club that he started with back in 1978 when he first came to Australia.

"I feel that this year's NSL season will be the toughest yet as all League clubs scramble for positions to be included in next year's new 14 member National Soccer League," Eddie predicted.

Thomson who was born in Rosewell, Scotland, played as a central defender with Hearts and Aberdeen for years before trying his luck in American Soccer in the now defunct N.A.S.L.

In the United States, Thomson signed and played with San Antonio before returning to Scotland and then prepared to come out to Australia.

On arrival in Sydney, Thomson joined Sydney City as a free-back, a position from which he almost solely controlled and directed play with enormous success.

Year after year Thomson gathered championships with monotonous regularity.

In fact, to date, he has turned in a 'card' of having coached City for SIX years to crack FIVE NSL Championships, missing out in 1983 when St George won the title and Eddie 'crashed' to second place.

The mild-mannered Thomson, despite the fact that he wears glasses, (Clark Kent style), has always had a razor-sharp vision when playing the game or spotting young, exciting potential playing material.

What will 1986 see Thomson achieve? "We can only wait and see, won't we?" he replied.

BORN: 25.2.1947.

BIRTHPLACE: Rosewell, Scotland.

OCCUPATION: Manager-Secretary of Sydney City.

PLAYING POSITION: Former centre-back or sweeper.

WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE: "Sydney City I hope again, Marconi, Sydney Croatia, Saints, Sydney Olympic, Apia, South Melbourne and Juventus."

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO AND WHY: "We should do well again. We have some good youngsters like Jean Paul de Marigny, Ean Rodrigues, Frank Farina, Grant Lee. They are all young material yet have had some good early experiences already in the NSL."

"To blend in with this young material we still have players with enormous well-seasoned experience like Murray Barnes, Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina and Alex Robertson to help the young lads along."

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM: "Not too many really. Maybe players like Tommy McCulloch."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS: "David Ratcliffe, Peter Tredinnick, Peter Raskopoulos and say Tony Henderson of Marconi."

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW AND WHY: Not applicable.

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER: "Not much else than Soccer. I would like to always be happy and healthy as I have not many other ambitions in life."

DO YOU THINK THE MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR: "Yes I think so. Everything is gate-related so most players do get a fair sum."

"But there are still today some good players not getting looked after accordingly by some clubs."

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER: "Most players in the NSL make great sacrifices throughout the week and much of their social life is restricted."

"I would like to see a great emphasis on quality coaching with the Junior scene. This area is vital."

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP AND WHY: "Brazil I feel will be the hardest to beat. West Germany recently in warm-up matches look good too under Franz Beckenbauer's flair coaching."

"As an outside bet, have a few bob on Denmark. They could be a real 'dark-horse'."



Star Profile

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

STUART STEVENSON

Sydney Olympic's latest signing for the 1986 NSL season is none other than former Heidelberg top goalscorer striker, Stuart Stevenson.

This powerfully built, blond Scottish player, first came to Australia in July 1984 when he was strongly recommended to Heidelberg by Derek Lee.

Stuart back in Scotland played for Airdrie and Pollok.

At the age of 17, Stuart won an American scholarship to attend Southern Illinois University. In that season (1979), they won the N.C.A.A. Championship.

Stuart was originally approached by Sydney Olympic's former President, Jim Petinellis to come to Sydney for 1986.

But Stuart was also approached by St George before he finally decided to go to Olympic.

Stuart will join another powerful striker in Olympic's attack-line, Marshall Soper, to give Olympic a dynamic look in attack, probably one of the best twin-strike combinations in the NSL.

"I am really looking forward playing in Sydney as the Olympic supporters add great atmosphere to the game."

"They are certainly an enthusiastic mob."

Stevenson's transfer was hotly disputed by Heidelberg which eventually went to the NSL's Appeals Tribunal.

With all that behind him now, Stuart is looking forward to a successful and happy season with his new Sydney club.

BORN: 6.3.62.

BIRTHPLACE: Glasgow, Scotland.

OCCUPATION: Fulltime professional player.

PLAYING POSITION: Striker.

WHICH CLUBS DO YOU EXPECT TO DO WELL IN THE 1986 NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE: "Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and Sydney Croatia."

"Sydney City has a strong, established and well experienced squad with a strong blend of young players to mix with."

"They also have the resources and expertise to purchase selectively".

HOW WILL YOUR CLUB GO & WHY: "Olympic should also do well this season as they have a strong pool of players with good additions being made during the off-season."

"A strong squad of 16 players will go a long way to helping to win the Championship."

WHICH PLAYERS WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN YOUR TEAM: "South Melbourne's Charlie Egan and Brian Brown of Brunswick Juventus."

WHO ARE YOUR FAVOURITE NSL PLAYERS: "Egan, Brown, Mike Petersen, Doug McLeod, Oscar Crino and Jimmy Patikas."

WHICH OTHER TEAM WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY FOR OTHER THAN THE ONE YOU ARE WITH NOW: "Brunswick Juventus or South Melbourne".

WHAT ARE YOUR AMBITIONS FOR YOUR FUTURE OTHER THAN SOCCER: "To save enough money to buy a Sports store after I have finished playing Soccer."

"But even after I have finished playing, I would like to stay in the code as either a coach or as a manager".

DO YOU THINK WHAT MONEY PLAYERS EARN IN AUSTRALIAN SOCCER IS FAIR: "Yes I think so. You see all Australian players are part-time really and they have jobs as well which together gives them good money overall."

"These players however cannot expect to get paid European scaled amounts as as I said they are only part-time and thus the standard is much lower really."

"For this reason, the money Australian players do receive, is fair".

OTHER GENERAL THOUGHTS ON AUSTRALIAN SOCCER: "I have been surprised to find the standard of Australian Soccer being what it is since arriving."

"There are some really good players here, but I feel there are still a lot of average players around as well."

"We have to go fulltime".

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP: WHY: "You have to go for a South American country to win it I feel."

"And of course here you would have to look at Brazil as No 1."

"But I do hope Scotland will do well, being a Scot by birth. And possibly Italy will do something as well."

"But overall I do not think that there will be any real surprises."

ARGENTINA — MARADONA HOLDS THE KEY

FRANK COLETTA analyses the prospects of ARGENTINA

If Argentina's Italian-based Inside-forward, the miraculous Diego Maradona fires in Mexico, then anything is possible for the 1982 World Cup winners.

Having cost Italian First Division club Napoli no less than \$10,000,000, Maradona has displayed his undoubted skills for them over the past two years.

Maradona's first venture into World Cup Finals football was a failure back in 1982 in Spain.

So much was expected of him yet he only really showed his true form on one occasion... in the 4-1 first round win over Hungary, where he scored twice.

Yet the rest of that campaign was best forgotten. He was ineffective against Belgium and completely shut-out by Italy, in particular by Claudio Gentile.

The complete roughing up of his diamond came in Argentina's final match against Brazil (lost 3-1) when Maradona committed a cruel foul on Batista and duly got his marching orders — leaving the world stage for which he had promised much, in disgrace.

Now it seems things have changed. Maradona has matured, so much so that he is captain of both club and country.

Only 26, he has been rated the biggest Soccer genius to hit world football since Pele.

He is certainly one of the few players who always produces the unexpected.

A potential match-winner, he has thrilled fans in Europe and South America with his seemingly endless array of skills.

Maradona was the world's first \$10 million footballer — that was how much it cost Boca Juniors to get him away from Argentinos Juniors.

He was an international at 16. A year later he was within a whisker of his country's 1978 World Cup squad.

At 19, he was the youngest Argentine player ever to score 100 League goals.

But late in 1981 Maradona made headlines for all the wrong reasons. He refused to attend the training camp for matches against Poland and Czechoslovakia and the manager Cesar Menotti was forced to play without his ace.

Menotti claims of him: "He has all the talent in the world: now he must show the world just how good he is."

Not unlike another Group A team, Italy, Argentina had a poor 1981 prior to the World Cup and really never shook this bad form. It will have to be seen if they can respond to appearing on a world stage again.

Argentine journalist Rex Gowar says: "If Diego Maradona is at his best he'll be the star of the

tournament and will contribute in no small way to Argentina grabbing the world title. In what is likely to be a relatively defensive tournament, an in-form Maradona could be the difference.

"He'll be backed by a strong defence and a lot of experienced players. If Argentina meet Brazil on the way to the Final I think they will eliminate the Brazilians."

Carlos Lopez of Uruguay has different view. "I believe Argentina will again be the big disappointment of the World Cup, even though they should qualify for the second phase without too many problems," says Carlos.

Like his predecessor Cesar Menotti, current manager Carlos Bilardo has made it clear Argentina will go to Mexico to play football.

"This is what we did in qualifying and I will have my players doing their best to provide attractive football," he promised.

Where Bilardo is different to Menotti is that he

tion round, where he took a decisive role.

Losing 2-1 to Peru with 10 minutes to go in Buenos Aires and needing a point to finish top of their qualifying group, never-say-die sweeper Passarella moved up to send in a terrific shot which bounced off both goal posts before going over the line. Although it was argued that Garega had actually pushed the ball over the line, Passarella deservedly took credit for the late clincher.

But Passarella — who, with 70 caps, is only seven behind the Argentine record held by his former River Plate team-mate and real estate business part-

ner, Americo Gallego — nearly didn't make it even into the team for the qualifiers.

Last year, when home on holiday from his Italian club Fiorentina, he angered national team players and Bilardo by saying that the national team did not go out to win. Bilardo was therefore in two minds about calling him up for this year's World Cup qualifying games, fearing it might cause friction among the players. (For a start he made Maradona captain instead of Passarella, though Passarella said later this did not matter at all to him and when he felt like telling a

team-mate something he did).

"Actually it was a case of both of us taking risks," said Passarella. "I received the call-up in Italy and my friends kept telling me not to accept, that Bilardo is this and that and his tactics are negative. My wife insisted I had an international reputation which was not worth throwing away and that I had a 99 per cent chance to lose and one per cent in my favour. But in the end I went, because my love for the national team jersey is about everything."

Having already played in qualifying and final games of two World Cups — in 1978, when Argentina won it, and in 1982 — Passarella, whose international career has already spanned nine years, should know what he is talking about when he disagrees with coach Bilardo who says that qualifying for the finals was harder than it would be playing in them next year.

"I don't think the Argentine team played up to its full potential, but they have to improve 100 per cent to be able to put up a good show in Mexico," Passarella says.

What should the national team do from now until Mexico?

"Bilardo will have to start from scratch again. I say that, because since the qualifying games so many more players have been sold to foreign clubs that precisely the whole national team is now abroad. Bilardo will have to pick new players and it is also essential to play as many international matches as possible, say 15 with the majority against European teams, also in Europe where the players with clubs there can line up. Some games should also be played in Mexico to get used to the conditions there."

Standing (left to right) Passarella, Garré, Trossero, Russo. Kneeling: Burruchaga, Giusti, Barbas, Maradona and V.

Should the Argentine team play a different style of Soccer?

"No. The team know Bilardo's style is like that... man for man, libero and stopper... it takes some getting used to. As for myself, everybody asks me why I didn't go more into attack. I would like to go up more. In Italy, although I also play libero, I have three defenders behind me and I am the only one who goes up. But when I returned to the national team, I accepted the rules and I knew beforehand that I would be made to play that way."

Did he agree with the team playing so carefully, and afraid of giving anything away and not risking enough in the qualifying games against Venezuela, Colombia and Peru?

"No, I didn't... not against these rivals, because our Soccer standard is so superior."

Having played under both coaches, how did he compare Cesar Menotti and Bilardo?

"Menotti is a great coach and I am proud to be a friend of his. He put me into the national team when I was only a reserve at River Plate, because he had great faith in me. It was he who taught me how to go into attack which was my strong point for many years."

Passarella's candidates for the next World Cup are West Germany, Italy, England and France, but he added that Argentina and Brazil have room for improvement and, if they do, could finish in leading places.

Passarella donated his pay for playing in the World Cup qualifying games — \$15,000 — to a national organisation supplying food to the poor and is thinking of retiring next summer to return home.

If and when this happens, top forwards all around the world will surely breathe a collective sigh of relief at no longer having to rub shoulders with this most powerful and aggressive of adversaries.

It seemed that Passarella's distinguished international career had come to an end immediately after the 1982 World Cup in Spain. He had been outstanding there, probably the most venturesome defender on display along with Cabri-

ni and Scirea of Italy and Junior of Brazil, but the other Argentines failed to match his forceful example and relinquished their world crown after defeats by Italy and Brazil. Menotti was replaced by Bilardo, who then proceeded to build a new team based on home-based players. Veterans of the 1978 triumph playing abroad — namely Passarella, Ardiles, Kempes and Bertoni — were out in the cold.

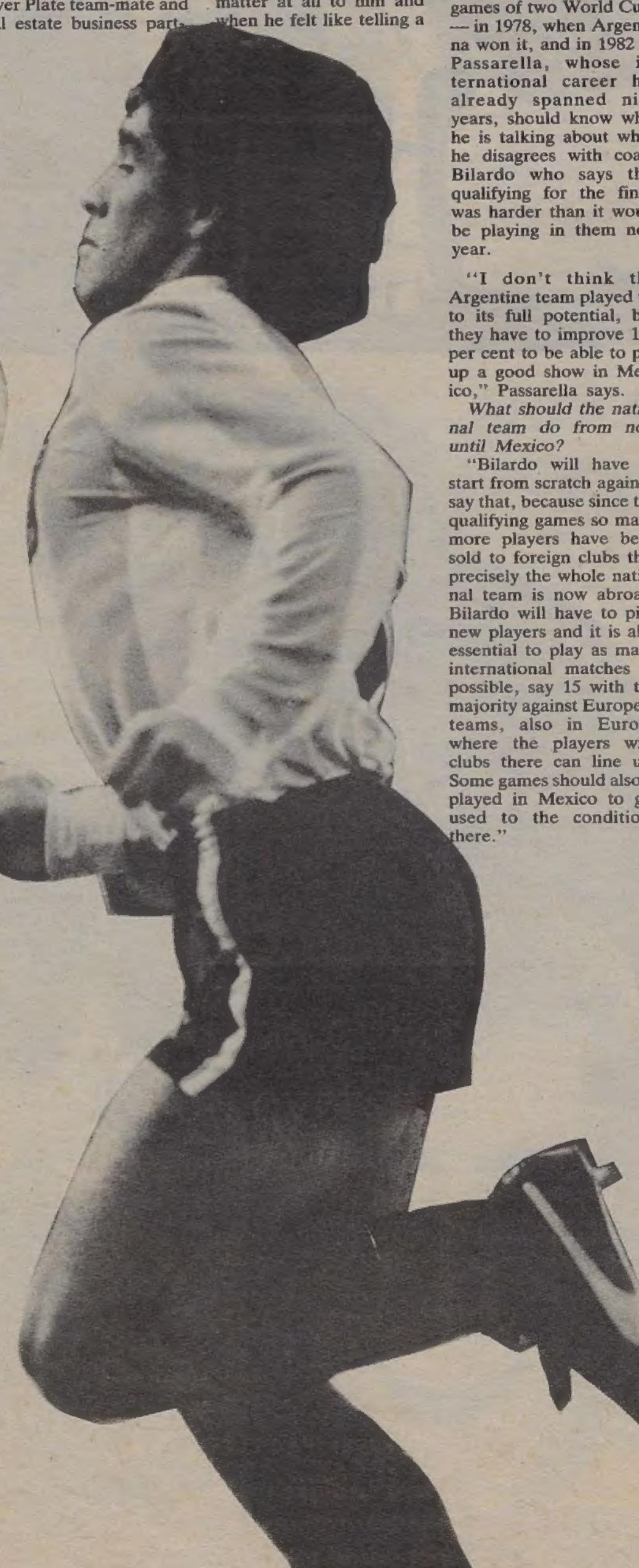
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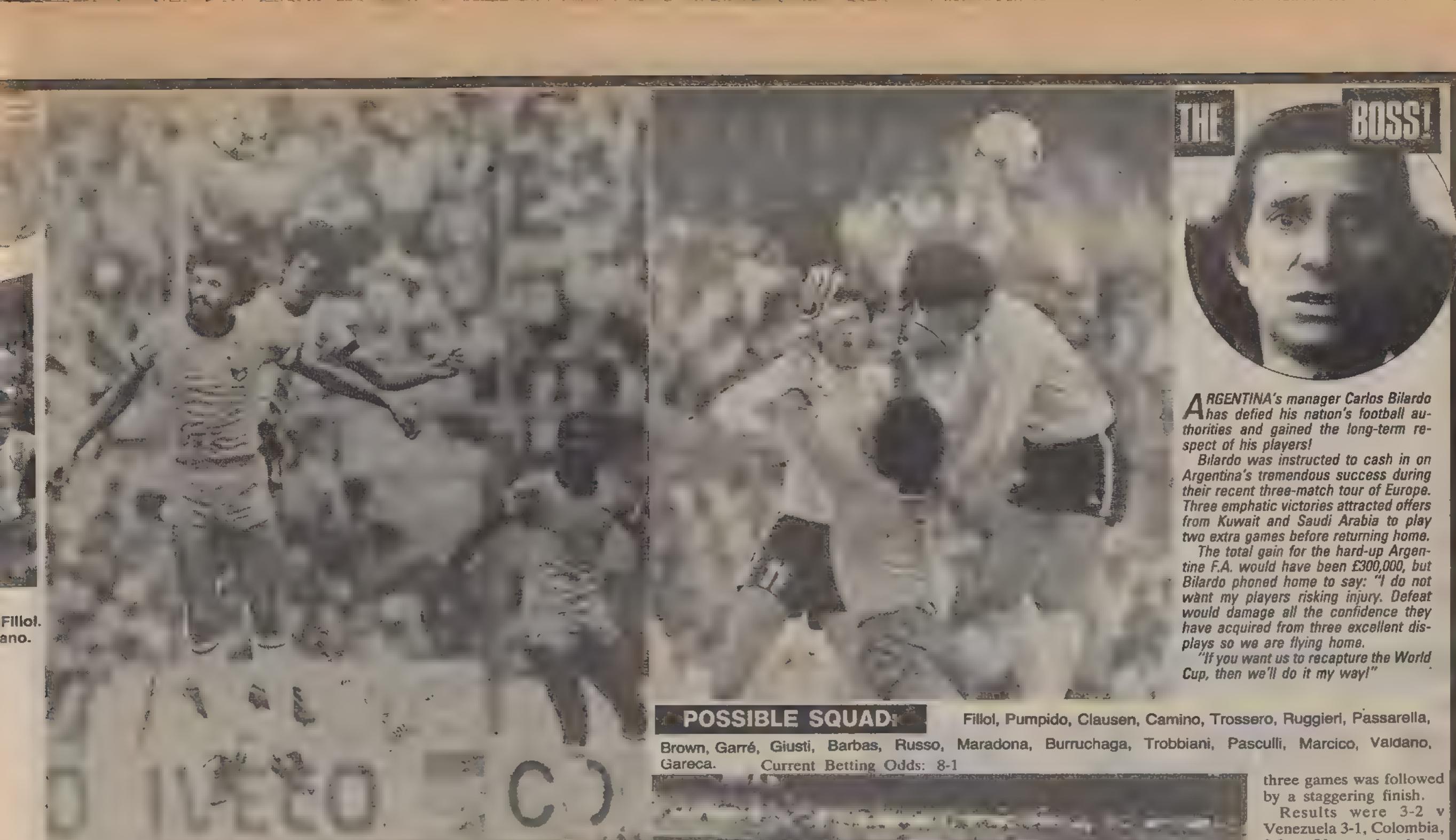
But the newcomers simply didn't come up to scratch, particularly in the



Juan Barbas, Argentine midfield general.

ARGENTINA





(Above) Passarella — before — as Argentine captain in the 1982 World Cup out-jumping his opposite from Brazil, Socrates. (Above right) Now — in attack jumping for a header in the World Cup qualifiers against Venezuela.

centre of the defence, so Passarella was hastily recalled. It wasn't the first time he proved to be the man for a crisis.

To this new Argentine side Bilardo has brought not only different faces but different ideas.

He has claimed that his side will play attractive football yet with his system of 4-1-3-2 much will always defend on Maradona.

Bilardo seems to have some sort of inferiority complex about Argentina conceding many goals — so he is using tactics based on keeping out goals and allowing the goalscoring to look after itself.

Bilardo says: "In my opinion it is correct to play with fine men across the area."

Containing seems his way. For he claims a defence without quantity is ill-equipped to succeed in world football.

Another problem fac-

ing Bilardo is that the Bertoni... admittedly all majority of his squad is three are getting on.

Ardiles is finding it increasingly difficult to hold down a permanent spot in the Tottenham Hotspur side in England and Tarantini is producing only run of the mill type football for his Argentine club, River Plate, after his spell in England with Birmingham City.

Bertoni on the other hand is still producing fine performances for his Italian club, Fiorentina, although he will be on his way out come the end of the season.

At 33, this looks like Ardiles's final season in English football and he is expected to head for his homeland.

The immaculate midfielder still has the ambition to win a spot in the Argentine squad for Mexico but the tip is he won't make it.

Meanwhile former national idol the 31-year-old Mario Kempes has never had a look in since Bilardo's appointment. Although he's not in the national side Kempes is

(Below and right) DIEGO MARADONA leaves the 1982 World Cup in disgrace as he clashes with Dirceu and is sent off. (Far right) Ricardo Gareca in full flight.

POSSIBLE SQUAD

Brown, Garré, Giusti, Barbas, Russo, Maradona, Burruchaga, Trobbiani, Pasculli, Marcico, Valdano, Gareca. Current Betting Odds: 8-1



Standing (from left): Passarella, Clausen, Garré, Trossero, Russo and Fillo. Kneeling: Burruchaga, Giusti, Pasculli, Maradona and Valdano.

doing very well for himself, thank you!

Although it may be hard to believe, Kempes, the 1978 World Cup hero, has signed for Austrian second division club Vienna and is getting \$400,000

for an 18 month contract.

Kempes was to have joined Spurs a couple of years back but the London club decided he was not fit enough for English first division football!

In qualifying, Argenti-

na had to overcome the talents of Peru, Colombia and Venezuela and as Daniel Passarella commented — it was not done as easily as it might have been when a confident start with nine goals in

ARGENTINA's manager Carlos Bilardo has defied his nation's football authorities and gained the long-term respect of his players!

Bilardo was instructed to cash in on Argentina's tremendous success during their recent three-match tour of Europe. Three emphatic victories attracted offers from Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to play two extra games before returning home.

The total gain for the hard-up Argentine F.A. would have been £300,000, but Bilardo phoned home to say: "I do not want my players risking injury. Defeat would damage all the confidence they have acquired from three excellent displays so we are flying home.

"If you want us to recapture the World Cup, then we'll do it my way!"

three games was followed by a staggering finish.

Results were 3-2 v Venezuela 3-1, Colombia, 3-0 v Venezuela, 1-0 v Colombia, 0-1 Peru, 2-2 v Peru.

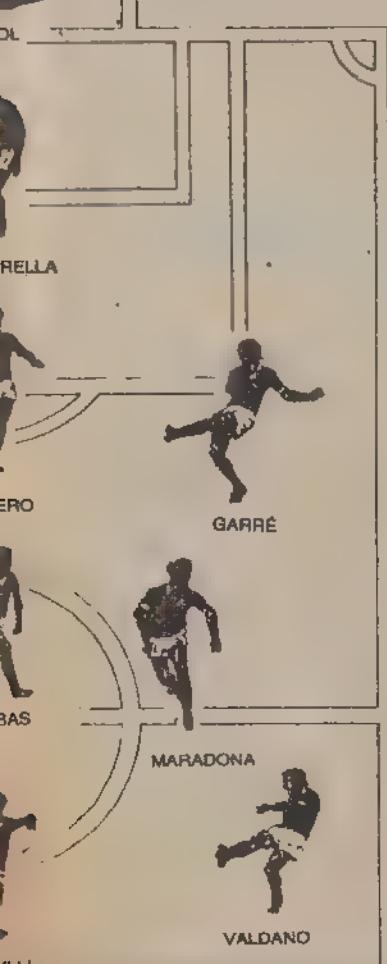
Nine points was the result, one ahead of Peru.

Youngsters such as Clausen Garea Russo and Burruchaga took time to settle in but Burruchaga has since gone on to become one of the brightest talents in the team. He is very like Ramon Diaz — who had enormous things expected of him in 1982 but flopped miserably. Burruchaga, though, looks a real find.

If we are to believe Passarella, Argentina have a lot to do before they will threaten the world title.

My View

Will make 2nd round with little problems but in the long run their near total dependence on Maradona to strike for them might catch them out. That's unless someone like Burruchaga fires them then they may have a good show.



NANDA SOCCER CUP KICKS OFF

THE \$70,000 Nanda Cup will see the "Goliaths" of the NSL take on Soccer's "Davids" kicking off next weekend.

The Nanda Cup has given the opportunity to many little Soccer clubs to test their skills and fitness against the big shots of NSL.

This is Cup football so brace yourselves for the unexpected results.

Some of the little clubs involved in the Nanda Cup possess defences that will be harder to shift than Marcos of the Philippines, thus putting a premium on goals for their more illustrious NSL opponents.

With the NSL's new Cup sponsors, the Queensland firm of Nanda, (the company that sells

spaghetti to Italy), putting up much cash towards the \$70,000 prize monies, all competing sides will be chasing a share..

Next Saturday at 7.30pm Newcastle Rosebud could be in for a torrid time against Belmont Swansea at Adamstown Oval under floodlights.

In Victoria, also on Saturday evening, Heidelberg United clashes with Preston in a double-header at Olympic Park in the early match, with last year's National League champions, Brunswick Juventus locking horns with Buffalo Cup Win-

ners, Melbourne Croatia, later.

At the Croatian Sports Centre, the battle of the giants takes place as Vedran Rozic's Sydney Croatia, the NSW Ampol Cup Winners, take on the

In Sydney, another double-header on Sunday at the St George Stadium sees the highly-fancied NSL title chasers, Marconi, led by Tony Henderson, clash with David Ratcliffe's St George in the early match set down for 2pm.

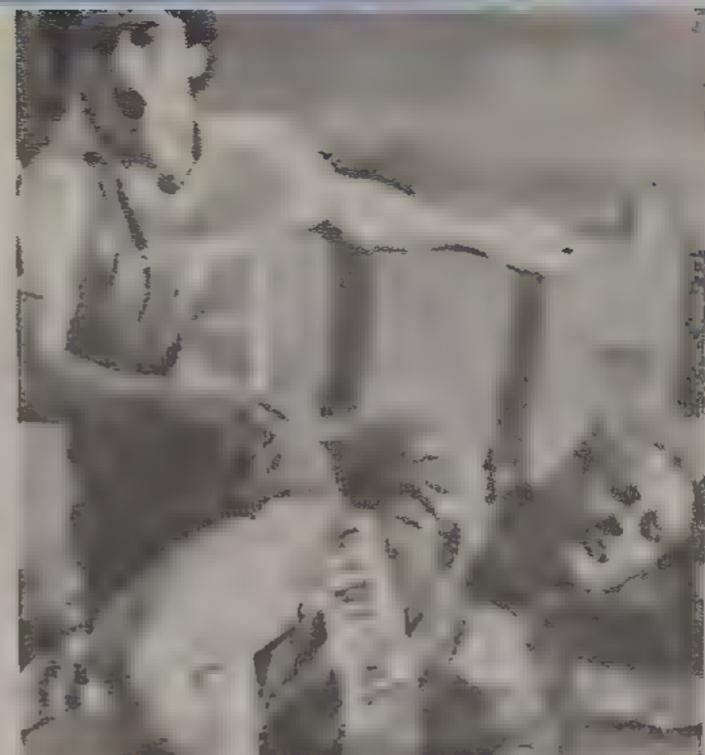
In the late match, with kick-off at 4pm, pacy Sydney Olympic prepares to take on a reorganised Apia-Leichhardt who will be presenting their new signings for the season.

Olympic is expected to field former English first

division stopper, Mike Coady, who returned to Australia late last week. NSL's most consistently successful side, Eddie Thomson's Sydney City.

Casey de Bruin's revamped Blacktown City plays host to out of town visitors from "Hawke Country," West Woden Juventus, at the Gabbie Stadium whilst South Australia's Adelaide City fly to Macedonia Park for their encounter with Stirring Macedonia.

Canberra City Olympians will play their match against neighbouring Inter Monaro tomorrow week at Seiffert Oval starting at 7.30pm as do Green Gully who take on fellow Victorians, Croydon City at Olympic Park but at a



Tony Henderson, Marconi captain.

time to be advised.

A definite winner must be declared at all the matches.

Should scores be level at full-time, extra time will be played and if the teams are still even, the matches go straight into penalties.

Round 2 of the Nanda Cup will be regionalised and is set down for April 25, 26 and 27.

The draw for this second round of the Nanda Cup will be made on television at 6pm Friday April 4 during SBS's new programme, "Soccerama."

Round 3 is set down for June 1, and the semi-finals pencilled in for July 27 with the Final fixed for Sunday, August 17.

JOHN ECONOMOS

OLYMPIC TAKES A KICK AT ASW

In a recent editorial, the ASW Editor criticised Sydney Olympic's notoriously badly-behaved supporters.

We thought the editorial was accurate and fair. But Olympic president Tom Doumanis did not. In fact, the Olympic

president took the trouble to put his feelings into print.

With his permission, the

Doumanis letter is reprinted on right

And, in reply, the ASW editor adds his comments.

REPLY FROM ASW EDITOR

THE major point made in the original article was that Soccer referees have a most difficult job to do and they should not have to put up with abuse, either physical or verbal, from idiot spectators.

ASW pleaded with spectators to give referees a fair go. We do not believe Sydney Olympic supporters are interested in giving referees a fair go.

If referees make decisions which the fans do not like, they treat referees like criminals. This has been demonstrated many times at Pan Hellenic and Sydney Olympic matches over the past 25 years.

Mr Doumanis says "Olympic supporters will no doubt bear the scar of the Pratten Park incident for some time to come." This suggests that the disgusting behaviour of fans at Pratten Park last season at the Sydney City match was an isolated incident.

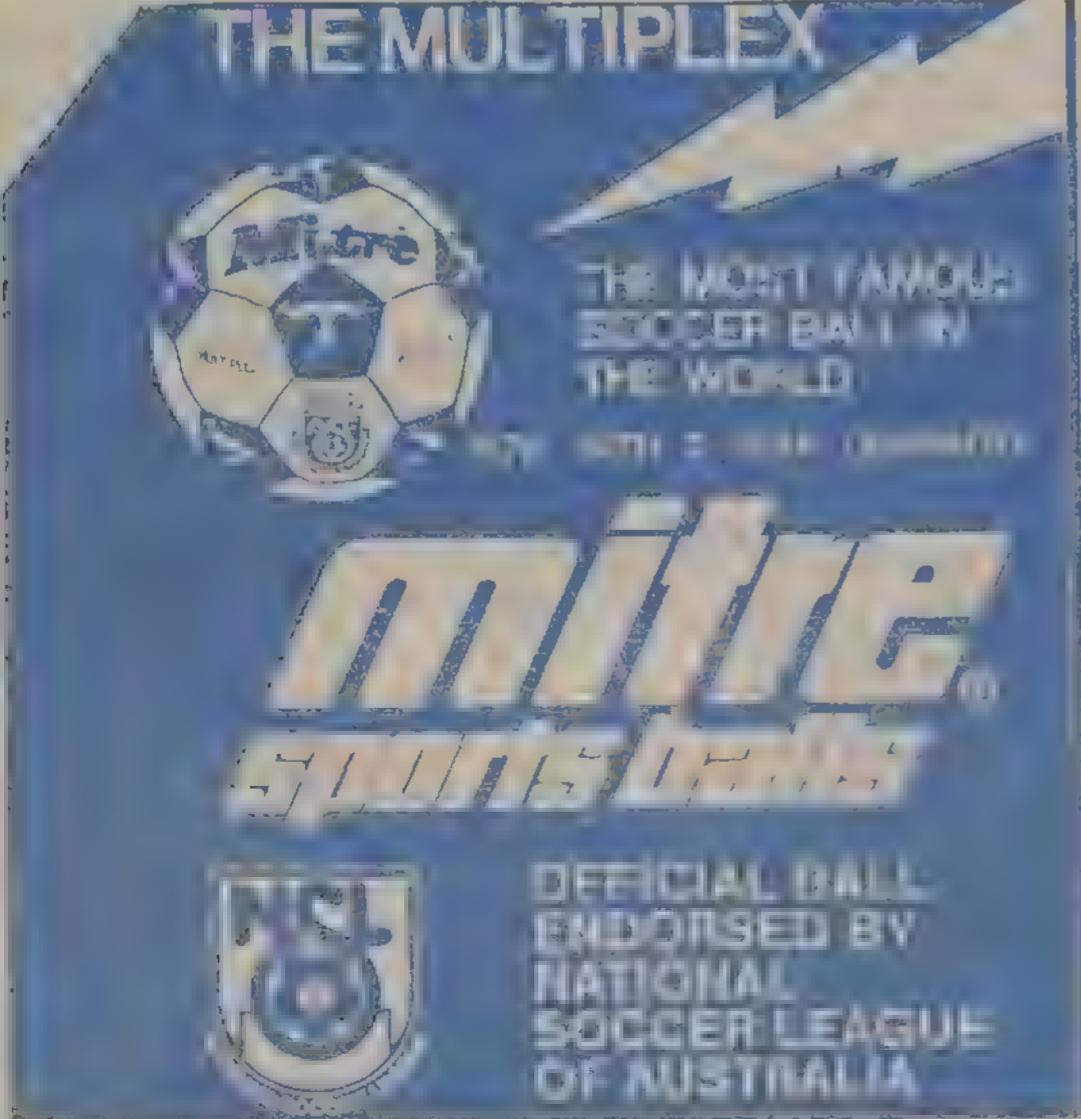
Far from it. Pratten Park was only one of many infamous days Australian Soccer is in a hurry to forget.

Incidentally, since the Pratten Park incident has been raised by Mr Doumanis, ASW would like to remind him of the reaction that day from his badly behaved supporters.

Half an hour after peace was restored and clear-thinking spectators were sympathising with the referee and the Sydney City goalkeeper, several Sydney Olympic people continued to award the referee the entire blame for everything which had happened.

They had not one word of sympathy for the referee. They said the fans were RIGHT to climb the fence and start the riot.

We fear there is no hope for people with such a warped outlook on what is right and what is wrong.



EDITOR

I refer to your editorial on the 4th March, 1986 wherein you are critical of Sydney Olympic's supporters' response to Grahame Warne's decision in the match between our club and Marconi.

I certainly agree with you that Mr Warne had a most difficult match to control due to the tackling of some of the players. I further agree with you that Olympic fans were very vocal throughout the match.

However, I strongly disagree that the vocal response of the supporters was exclusively directed to the referee's decisions. I would suggest that their vocal response was an expression of their disapproval at the late tackles, deliberate tripping and ankle tapping of both teams.

I further disagree and take exception to the view "who knows that revenge they would have tried to extract from the unfortunate Grahame Warne."

There is no basis from the conduct of our supporters for anyone to even suggest that any retribution would have been forthcoming from our supporters had the match been lost. In fact you may recall that with the score 1-0 in Olympic's favour and Marconi repeatedly attacking the

Olympic goal, Stuart Stevenson was sent-off in dubious circumstances.

Misbehaviour by football fans is a major scourge all over the world and, bearing in mind the comparatively small crowds at matches in Australia, the problem is enormous in this country.

That being the case, ASW invites readers to write in with their views on the original ASW editorial, the reply from the Olympic president and final comments from the editor of this newspaper.

Who is right — Tom Doumanis or ASW?

We'd like to hear from you but please keep your letters short and to the point.

CALL FOR REAL NSL

AS an Australian Soccer lover I believe the only way Soccer can ever hope to succeed in Australia is to have a truly national competition where the best 14 teams compete in a National League.

If this means only Sydney and Melbourne teams then so be it. Crowds will sort themselves out with much more attractive games being played every week.

Also, by doing this the State League will become a much stronger competition and the difference between the two competitions will be lessened. As it is now the State League is a joke where some teams struggle to put 2nd and 3rd grade sides on the field.

Also, if the Ampol Cup was started a little later but without changing the groups format it would prove an even bigger success than this year.

I hope that one day Soccer will be the number one sport in Australia but without consistency at the organisational level this is an unlikely occurrence.

R. Mifsud,
Smithfield, NSW.

ED. You are writing a lot of sense. Maybe you should run for president!

JOKE NOT ON FRED

Last week I happened to be at Melita Stadium to overhear two Maltese blokes talking about an article you had in your paper about Fred Dayney making a comeback.

It made me sick to hear them joking about it. I could never understand the Maltese people running down their own countryman who did proud to Malta and Australia.

If one accepts the view suggested by you one would have expected that any retribution would have followed the send-off there and then. Instead the ground was in mute silence other than the ovation that Stevenson received as he passed under the grandstand.

Olympic supporters will no doubt bear the scar of the Pratten Park incident for some time to come but to cast such cynical comments merely because they are vociferous and enthusiastic in their response to their team is unacceptable.

Perhaps it is time that journalists began to acknowledge the contribution of

Olympic supporters to Soccer not only at club level but at international level. If there was to be a reminder of this contribution it was reflected in the attendances at the recent Ampol Cup. Had Olympic not advanced to the Semi-finals I question whether attendances and atmosphere would have been the same.

In conclusion, may I quote Alan Vest in the same edition of ASW where he says: "Keep up the good work you Olympic fans, Soccer certainly needs you."

Tom A. Doumanis,
President, Sydney Olympic.

Let me remind them that when Dayney played for Auburn the average crowd was around 4000 — 5000 and they drew 10,500 against Prague in a competition game, and who do you think won the Man of the Match?

And let me also remind them that, had he stayed with Auburn and not gone to Melita due to contract disagreement, he would have definitely played for Australia in place of Manfred Schaefer as he was in a class above him in that position.

P.S. I would like to hear from your readers to name a better half-back in the years Fred Dayney played 1st grade Soccer.

Joe Fenech,
Auburn, NSW.

ED — Let's hear from ASW readers. Was Fred Dayney the best?

WOMEN'S SOCCER ROW GOES ON

AS a person who has "been there, done that" in the administration of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, it is not surprising to see that "Interested Party," your correspondent in letter of 18th Feb., is completely off beam with hidden accusations and half truths.

Anyone with any knowledge of Soccer strips and the amount of wear these are put to, would know that gear would not hang together for six years nor would the sizes of the players remain the same for it to fit them.

It is true that a management committee meeting is held in Sydney each January and several thousand dollars are expended in bringing the members to the meeting. What is not said is the collective man/woman hours spent by these people in administering women's Soccer and the time taken to do it. Does "Interested Party" think that the administrative members of the Association are retired people with time on their hands?

Don Balmain,
Manly 2095.

ED. You'd be right about the normal life of playing strips, and nobody denies the work involved in administration.

1986 NANDA SOCCER CUP



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SUNDAY 16th MARCH

Adelaide Hellas vs Salisbury Utd

(HINDMARSH STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 2.30PM



MIKE PETERSEN

Melita Eagles vs Ipswich Utd

(MELITA STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 4.00PM

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH

N'castle R'bud v Belmont Swansea

(ADAMSTOWN OVAL)
KICK-OFF 7.30PM



KEN MURPHY

St George vs Marconi

(ST GEORGE STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 2.00PM



GRAHAM JENNINGS

Sydney Olympic vs Apia Leichhardt

(ST GEORGE STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 4.00PM

Heidelberg Utd vs Preston

(OLYMPIC PARK)
KICK-OFF 7.00PM



ROBBIE DUNN

Sydney Croatia vs Sydney City

(CROATIAN SPORTS CENTRE)
KICK-OFF 3.00PM

Bruns. Juventus vs Melb. Croatia

(OLYMPIC PARK)
KICK-OFF 9.00PM

Blacktown City vs West Woden Juv.

(GABBIE STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 3.00PM

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH

Sth Melbourne vs Juve Pioneer

(MIDDLE PARK)
KICK-OFF 1.30PM

Stirling Mace. vs Adelaide City

(MACEDONIA PARK)

Sunshine GC vs Footscray

(MIDDLE PARK)
KICK-OFF 3.30PM



ROD BROWN

WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

Green Gully vs Croydon City

(OLYMPIC PK NO.1)
T.B.A.

Brisbane City vs Brisbane Lions

(SPENCER PARK)
KICK-OFF 3.00PM



CHARLIE YANKOS

W'gong City vs Cant-M. Olympic

(MELITA STADIUM)
KICK-OFF 2.00PM

Inter Monaro vs Canberra City

(SEIFFERT OVAL)
KICK-OFF 7.30PM

DAD'S ARMY TAKES OVER IN GOAL!

BY TOM ANDERSON

THE main requirement it seems for a goalkeeper to play and succeed in the World Cup finals is that he must be old!

Italy's Dino Zoff was a prime example when he captained Italy to their win in Spain in 1982 at the tender age of 40.

The coming Championships in Mexico will be no different with superstar veterans domination the custodian positions.

Leading the way will be England's Peter Shilton, now 37.

Shilton is rated by most pundits as the best operator between the sticks in the world at the present time.

Others on show will be Northern Ireland's "evergreen" Pat Jennings and West Germany's Harald Schumacher.

Also in this elite bunch will be Belgium's Jean-Marie Pfaff, who at 32 claims his best years are still ahead of him!

Pfaff, who played for Belgium in Spain in 1982, now plays at club level in West Germany with the crack Bayern Munich.

He's been there ever since he caught the world spotlight in Spain in 1982.

Pfaff is one of the real characters of world football and highlights the belief that one must be somewhat crazy to be a top class keeper!

Capped over 50 times

for Belgium, he's also starred in two European Nations Championships in 1980 and 1984.

Pfaff's strong points are his sharp reflexes and marvellous anticipation.

He is also a very good organiser of his defence and never stops talking through a game.

The only flaw in his make-up at present is that his performances with Bayern of late have been rather inconsistent.

But, he is quick to point out, this is never the case when he plays for Belgium.

Pfaff was born on December 4, 1953 and is one of a family of 10.

He began his playing career at the age of 11 in the kids team of SK Bevren near Antwerp.

From there he continued until he made the Bevren first team.

And although they were only a part-time outfit they won the Belgian Cup in 1978 and the championship in 1979.

It was in 1979 they shocked Europe by beat-

ing Italian millionaires Inter Milan in the European Cup-Winners Cup.

The little Belgian side made the semi-final of this prestigious trophy only to lose narrowly to Barcelona.

Such was Pfaff's fine form that he was named Belgium's "Footballer of the Year."

The honours continued to flow and he then replaced the great Christian Piot as Belgium's national team keeper.

Big clubs in Belgium and Holland, such as Anderlecht, Ajax and Feyenoord, sought his signature.

But, with a flourishing sports goods business in town and a lucrative publicity contract with the local bank, he refused to move from Bevren.

Then came Spain and the World Cup Finals where he once again produced the goods — especially in the opening match of the series against defending World Cup holders Argentina.

The Belgian bubble only burst when Pfaff was injured and, without him, they lost crucial games to Poland and Russia.

Rumours were ripe at

the time that Pfaff's injury was a smokescreen and the real reason was that he was left out of the team after a disagreement with one or two more influential members of the squad.

After Spain, Pfaff became unsettled in Belgium and a transfer fee of \$500,000 took him to West Germany and Bayern Munich.

As unusual Pfaff got himself involved in controversy at Bayern and at one stage asked for a transfer.

However, some smart talking by the club's business manager Uli Hoeness kept him in Germany.

He was also involved in a traffic accident in which two elderly nuns were injured.

One of them died, but Pfaff was exonerated of blame.

In the final qualifying round of this year's World Cup, Pfaff put up the shutters against Holland and more than anyone else won his country a spot in Mexico.

Pfaff reckons he's looking forward to the Mexico series more than any other in his life and he's ready to stake his claim as the world's number one goalkeeper.

One thing is certain — with this guy around, Mexico in June will certainly be a lively place!

WHERE ARE THE YOUNGSTERS?



JEAN — MARIE PFAFF in action for Belgium.

SOCEROOS SEEM SET FOR A SEOUL SAFARI

BY TOM ANDERSON

NATIONS who want to participate in the qualifying rounds of the 1988 Olympics in Seoul South Korea will have to lodge their applications with FIFA by April 30.

And one of these applications will come from the Australian Soc-

cer Federation who will pitch Frank Arok and his Socceroos into the Olym-

pic fray.

The Olympic Football Tournament is run by FIFA within the framework of the XXIV Seoul Olympics.

The final competition will consist of 16 teams.

Only the host nation — Korea — will be automatically qualified for the finals.

However, based upon the proposal of the Organising Committee, the continent of the winning nation in the previous Olympics in Los Angeles in 1984 will be allotted an extra final spot.

So, as France won in Los Angeles, Europe will have a quota of five teams in the finals.

The quota of Olympic final places for Seoul is: AFRICA — 3 teams. ASIA — 3 teams including Korea.

EUROPE — 5 teams. SOUTH AMERICA — 2 teams.

CONCACAF — 2 teams.

OCEANIA/ISRAEL — 1 team.

Also, the decision of the FIFA Congress held in Buenos Aires in 1978 is still valid which means that the national associations of Europe and South America may not play any players who have participated in any matches of the World Cup (qualifying or final games.)

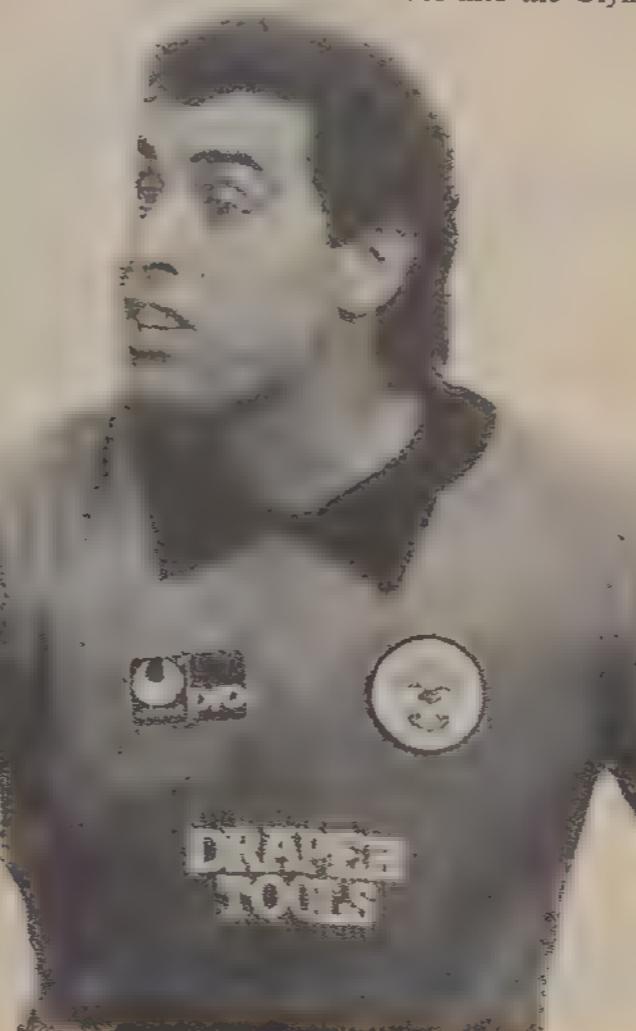
It has also been deemed by FIFA that the qualifying rounds of the Olympics will have to be played within the time period of August 31, 1986 and May 31, 1988.

The draw for the qualifying competition will be held in Mexico City during the coming World Cup Finals in June.

The Oceania/Israel qualifying games will be held on a tournament basis either in Australia or New Zealand.

At the present time, Australia is favourite to hold the series although, as usual, New Zealand want to hold SOME matches over there.

There will be no qualifying games in Israel.





JOHNNY WARREN

From front page

CANBERRA PICKS UP SPONSOR

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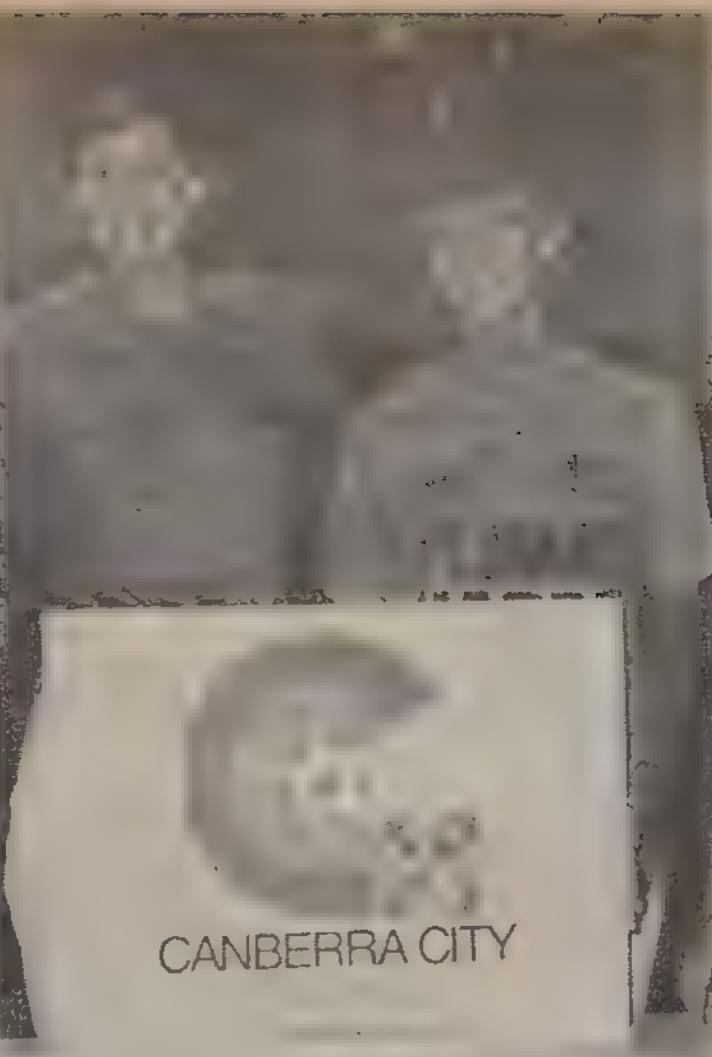
In addition, the company provides all printing requirements from season tickets and letter heads to business cards, screen printing of the club's equipment, the match day programme, cloth badges, and art work for media ads.

Also it awards "player of the year" prizes for all of Canberra's teams in the form of VIP trips to the world-famous James Hardie 1000 motor race at Bathurst in October.

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James Hardie Industries also sponsor the annual primary schools' knockout cup, both for boys and girls, the finals of which are played before Canberra City home games at the National Sports Centre.



The official announcement of the sponsoring, the gear being displayed by two lovely Canberra models. The James Hardie sponsorship includes a 15 minute radio program also.



CANBERRA CITY OLYMPIANS NSL TEAM



Back Row: Left to Right: Dennis Hall (trainer) Roy Thompson (coach) Isaac Farrell, Peter Burke, Emery Holmac, Jason Dunn, Terry Byrne, Tom Alexakis, Manis Lamond, John Nelson, Gabriel Esposito.

Front Row: Peter Mazis, Ian Gibson, John Mihailidis, Paul Ontong, George Economopoulos, Tom Sermanni, Steve Bryant, Victor Fernandez, George Kulscar.

Front: Andrew Thompson (ballboy).

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THE QUEENSLAND REPORT

With Greg Russell

NOT THE BEST BUT IT'S ALL WE'VE GOT

"THE best from a bad bunch" — that could well be the term to describe the teams to be picked for the annual Brisbane-Ipswich clash next month.

Although the statement is probably a little harsh, and will hardly be liked by Queensland Soccer Federation Officials, there can be no denying that the standard of football in the XXXX pre-season competition has been poor.

None of the 12 participating teams — which represent the top of Queensland Soccer — has been able to show any consistency throughout the tournament.

Whether the use of the Brusasco line (the 25m no backpass, no offside experiment) is a factor is debatable. The competition has produced goals, but so many teams have looked average and unable to string two wins together.

But new Brisbane coach Mal Bland, refuses to be perturbed.

"I am looking at individuals, not teams nor their results," he said.

"I have gone into the task of picking a Brisbane team with an open mind. I have been looking at what players are doing once they are on the ball and how they react off the ball.

"The ones I will pick are those who are applying themselves the best, irrespective of how their team is doing in the competition," Bland said.

Bland, and his Ipswich counterpart Gary Wilkins, must submit their 14-man squads by next week.

As Ipswich will be picked from the City's two XXXX League sides, Coalstars and Ipswich United, Wilkins' job is initially easier as he only has a certain number of combinations.

Players like Ron Millman, Mark McNaughton, Iain Lawrie, Wayne Warren and Mark Brusasco are among those who pick themselves.

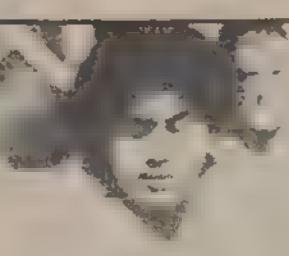
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FRANK FARINA

And in contrast to the young team which won the trophy, in addition to Fagan the North Star side now includes veterans like former New Zealand international Alan Marley, ageless Scotsman Jim Cameron and former Lions NSL midfielder Gerry Lindsay.

Olympic United who are now bloodied but not beaten, have

Alan Hughes.

Among those flying the flag for youth are Grange Thistle, who this year after a massive sellout have virtually promoted their reserve team from last year.

St Johnstone are pre-

THE RETURN OF PERRY

AFTER two years in exile, former Socceroo Steve Perry, is set to return to Brisbane City.

Perry, 31, has trialled at Spencer Park for the past fortnight after playing for two seasons with intermediate league club Redlands United.

City coach Jim Hermiston has turned to Perry as he desperately tries to formulate a steady defence for the coming National League season.

"Steve wants to play here and I want him here," said Hermiston to questions whether the club would go ahead and buy Perry back.

Perry, who made 25 appearances for Australia from 1978 to 1981, was a regular in the City side after transferring from former Sydney NSL club Western Suburbs.

But in 1984, after missing many games through injury, Perry opted to step down two divisions.

His transfer fee was never released, but it is understood Perry went to Redlands for a low fee, with clauses protecting further on sales: but I believe there was no buy-back clause in the sale and it will be interesting to see whether the intermediate league club lets Perry return for a similarly low amount.

Although being dubbed the poor relations of NSL football in Queensland, City are attacking the new season with enthusiasm.

The club's new overseas signing, Irishman Keiran Cooper, has arrived and has shown enough flashes to suggest he could be the answer to City's goalscoring problems.

"He's keen, he's enthusiastic and he has a

good knowledge of the game," Hermiston said.



ALAN REIS

Cooper arrived in Brisbane only a week after helping his Irish club Bray Wanderers to a championship win and promotion to the League of Ireland Premier Division.

The 24-year-old finished leading scorer for the club, netting 15 league goals and six in the cup.

Cooper made his debut for City in the trial game with Apia Leichhardt, coming on at half-time despite arriving in Brisbane only the previous day. The match was washed out only 25 minutes into the half, but Cooper made one good run which nearly produced a goal.

He darted to the near post and played a quick one-two with Alan Reis, whose shot possibly would have scored in drier conditions.

Cooper took some heavy punishment in several tough tackles by the Apia defence but afterwards said he had found the game no more physical than the Irish competition.

City were well pleased with their 1-1 draw with Apia as they had gone into the match without Luciano Fabrizio, who was injured, and new signing Phil White who had food poisoning.

City more than matched it with the raw Apia team and the form of winger Dean Milosevic, signed from Newcastle, was particularly pleasing.

Tireless midfielder Bobby Hamilton emerged as the lynchpin of the team, after being sorely missed when sidelined through injury for the previous three pre-season matches.

Full-back Garry Bromfield and Reis are the others who obviously will have to shoulder much of the responsibility in what is going to be a crucial year for the club.



CLARK ANDERSON

ANDERSON'S GOAL FEAST

SPEEDY winger Clark Anderson went on a goalscoring spree in the opening games of Brisbane Lions' Fosters North Queensland tour.

Anderson, 25, netted five goals in the first two games on the tour, which Lions used as their final pre-season workout.

Anderson, who won the FIFA medal for the best and fairest at the 1980 National Youth Championships, shrugged off a painful heel injury to score the goals and put himself in the front line for selection in the Lions team for this weekend's Cup match.

The lightly-built winger, who has at times struggled to hold down a first team place, netted a hat-trick against far North Queensland then scored all Lions' goals again in a 2-0 win over Townsville select.

The Townsville side included Sydney City's Socceroo Frank Farina, who was flown North for a guest appearance at his own stamping ground.

Farina suffered from a lack of regular service but at times combined well with Townsville's clever midfielder Dave Pollock.

Townsville, whose team included several former State League players including Phil Figging and Australian Schoolboys midfielder Paul Petersen.

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local opponents.

Lions flew Marconi north for a trial game and despite fielding a team missing a number of injured players, went down only 1-0.

When Lions embarked on the Fosters tour, the standard of opposition was unknown, but coach Gordon Arrowsmith rated the country teams much more competitive and better organised than many Brisbane Premier League sides.

Arrowsmith this week will have to make one of his toughest decisions since taking over as coach when he decides on a final central defence combination.

He has experimented with countless combinations in an attempt to counteract the loss of stopper Alan Hunter, but as yet, nobody has emerged as the obvious solution.

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St Johnstone are presently well off the pace but with so many games still to be

IT'S TIME FOR EUROPEAN TEAM TO TAKE CUP

... EVEN IF IT
LOOKS TOUGH

CAN a European team win the World Cup in South or Central America?

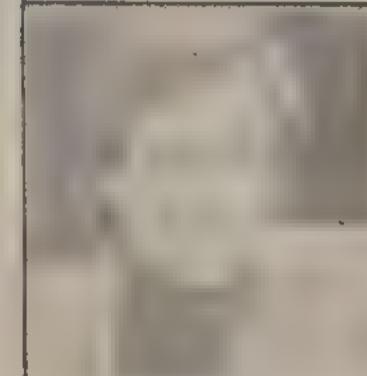
It has never been done before, but some experts predict this could be the year.

Denmark, England, West Germany and Italy have been mentioned as chances to make history by winning the World Cup in the heat of Central America.

When you realise that Mexico, the Cup host country, poses problems of altitude as well as heat, it seems rather unlikely that a European national will win there.

The South Americans with their superior skill are able to play the game at a slower pace than European teams.

The pressure defence so prevalent in Britain and Europe is harder to sustain



BY MIKE JOHNSON

at high altitude with diminished oxygen.

Despite all this, there seems to be a feeling abroad that some European team will make history this year.

Frank Arok, Australia's coach, does not agree with those who think Denmark can be successful in Mexico.

He says their game is based on high-speed play and this will be slowed down in the heat and rarified air of Mexico.

This thinking would also make England or Scotland only an outside chance of winning there, as their game also requires

abundant energy, power and speed.

Scotland appears to be short of world-class players, though in Kenny Dalglish, if he can get match fit, they have a man of enormous skill whose game is not based on running.

This brought him tremendous criticism in the British press.

Neither did it help Britain's rather insular attitude to world Soccer.

What Alf Ramsey probably meant was that tactically Britain had nothing to learn from the

South Americans.

What did need learning was the technical attributes of the highly skilful South American teams, especially the Brazilians.

However, Ramsey probably considered that these skills come from innate, genetic qualities, plus constant practise when young with the ball — neither of which were the norm for players in the relative affluence of Britain and many parts of Europe.

Nowadays we often hear of the South Americans trying to become as fit and as competitive as the Europeans.

For Europeans to win World Cups in South America they need to match the skills of these nations from the Americas.

If this happens, the game will improve as a spectacle in the western world.

Without him, Scotland looked a less accomplished side against Australia in Melbourne.

England and West Ger-

many, although rated a chance this time in Mexico, were unable to impress the last time the Cup was held there, in 1970.

England, using many of the players who had won the World Cup previously in England in 1966, found that their men did not have the running in them this time and were put out by West Germany, who were then beaten by Italy.

Brazil beat Italy in the final 4-1.

Italy is the European nation I would expect to do well in Mexico, based on their playing style.

Their economical, skilful, counter-attack style will not be so handicapped in Mexico.

Mexico in 1970 was the Waterloo for England's successful 1966 World Cup coach, Sir Alf Ramsey.

Not long after he was replaced as coach.

Ramsey said on returning to England with his team from Mexico that British Soccer had "nothing to learn" from the South Americans.



THE VEST WORD



**NSW State Coach, ALAN VEST
writes exclusively for ASW**

AFTER trials over the last couple of months, the under 19 NSW squad has been reduced to 20 from which the final squad of 16 will be selected for the National Championships in May in Melbourne.

It has been a tremendously difficult task because of the commitment and competitiveness of the players. Nothing underlines better the enormous talent we have in this country at this age group.

Every way must be found of enabling these young players with enormous talent the opportunity to fulfil the potential they have.

Over the past couple of weeks in the final games they have convincingly beaten State League teams Penrith City 4-1 and Polonia 5-3 and drawn 1-1 with Warringah. All State League teams which competed in the Ampol Cup.

It's difficult for clubs and coaches to gamble on youth when results are all important. But now is the time they need introducing and competing with



COACHING is a precarious occupation at the best of times.

Memories are short and results are what matters to everyone connected with the club.

BY ALAN VEST

Results are the main reason that clubs generally part company with the coach.

Stability, though, seems to come to clubs when coaches are given a bit of breathing space and they are retained over a few seasons.

In the Olympic Airways League at the moment clubs where coaches have had an extended stay have generally had more success than clubs who have changed coaches frequently.

Sydney City are the best example with Eddie Thomson, but other clubs who have been consistent in the last season or two and have been stable at the top are St George with Frank Arok, Olympic with Manfred Schaefer, Marconi with Les Scheinfug, Blacktown with Casey de Bruin and now Croatia with Vedran Rozic.

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Two of Australia's top coaches Eddie Thomson (left) and Frank Arok (right) jump for joy as Australia beat New Zealand.

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THE WOMENS SOCCER SCENE

A LETTER FROM AN ANGRY MUM

AS a parent of one of the NSW girls recently withdrawn from the Australian squad I would like to put another side to John Economos' story printed in your issue 11.3.86.

To begin with, there are only two girls left from that first national team and for all this time they have put Australia first. I feel your comments are truly unfair.

My husband and I moved into a new home and for many years were unable to buy light fittings etc. because we helped our daughter year after year for, as you put it, "the sake of Australia."

We were only too pleased, happy and proud to help her and during all this time where was the publicity saying how dedicated they were?

Now, after all this time, Mr Economos has the nerve to put them down, which I can tell you has upset not only my daughter but all the girls concerned.

Has John Economos given up 12 years of his life and paid for it himself?

All these girls want to play for their country and I know my daughter is really down about the whole ordeal, but where does it end? Recently-elected people with the AWSA should listen and realise what has happened for years — not just the present.

For one year, I was manageress of the NSW State team. One mother living on her own gave me her two pension cheques to pay for her daughter to represent her State. What did that mother survive on for two weeks without her pension and other children to keep?

Has Mr Economos ever bothered to inquire what the girls have done behind the scenes for their own State sides — perhaps he is too busy to want to know.

My daughter has had the privilege to be invited to schools and clubs to present trophies to their Soccer teams and at one time, has been with a Socceroo to present trophies and promote women's Soccer.

These girls love their Soccer and it is only the dedicated ones that have stayed in that national team all this time.

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AWSA ANGRY WITH NSW'S BOYCOTT

THE Australian Womens Soccer Association is angry following last week's decision by the NSW Womens Amateur Soccer Association to pull out their five national squad players from the team to tour New Zealand next week for the second Oceania Cup tournament.

In a letter sent to ASW, Heather Reid, the National Executive Director based in Canberra, stated:

"After telephone conversations between myself and the NSW Executive and the NSW players involved, it was officially confirmed by telegram that the players had been withdrawn.

"According to the NSW WASF, the players have asked the Executive to support them in their decision not to continue with the commitment to play for Australia.

"Most of the players have said that they have experienced difficulties raising the \$575 required for the tour or that they cannot get leave from work.

"The AWSA is extremely disappointed over the decision, particularly given that the players have made little attempt to consult with the Association on the matters of finance or possible assistance.

"The situation is of more concern because the players have been withdrawn with only a short time left before the team is due to arrive at the Australian Institute of Sport for a training programme prior to the departure to New Zealand.

"In addition, all players had advised the Association of their acceptance to tour and two of the members even paid their deposits of \$375. The NSW Soccer Federation had also pledged at least \$100 towards the costs of each member.

"All of the players have been advised by the NSW WASF not to make any comment on their withdrawal and it is not certain as to who instigated the decision.

"Fred Robins, national coach, will be contacting additional members of the training squad with a view to replacing the NSW players with the best possible selections.

"Basically, many young players will now be given an opportunity to represent Australia and this will stand them in very strong positions for their future chances of playing in the World Cup which is proposed for 1987-88.

"The ramifications of the NSW decision will be discussed by the AWSA and it is uncertain as to what action will be taken.

"Already NSW WASF are suggesting that they may not participate in the senior National Championships to be played in Adelaide next

September.

"The reasons behind this decision are also purported to be related to finance and potential absence of key players.

"Other players in the national team have received the news with great shock and expressed their surprise with the irresponsible approach taken by the NSW players. Assistance was offered to the players in terms of staggered time payments.

"The AWSA has not yet received any official reasoning behind the decision by the NSW Executive and until such time as formal correspondence is received, the Association can only assume that their players cannot go to New Zealand for reasons other than financial."

STOP PRESS

THE final Australian squad which goes to the Australian Institute of Sport this Saturday to prepare for the New Zealand trip, is:

T.Jones, S.Buschman, J.Millman, A.Martin, S.Buswell, T.McQueen, S.Monteath, S.Mateljan, M.Dodds, M.Milanovic, L.Radar, J.Murray, R.Iserief, L.Priestley, S.Bass, K.Menzies.

International Profile

SUSAN MONTEATH

No.6

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



SUSAN MONTEATH, Queensland's ace midfield captain, once again saddles up for another international series, (her eighth), for Australia, for the forthcoming Oceania Cup in New Zealand at the end of this month.

Born July 26th 1959, Susan is easily Australia's most experienced current international, having first played for the national team as far back as 1978 in Taiwan in the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament.

This highly talented and consistent blonde, now that the NSW contingent has pulled out of the New Zealand tour, will have the added responsibility of fostering many of the inexperienced players in the tournament.

In the last WWIFT in Taiwan in 1984, I saw Susan Monteath play against the USA and give a magnificent display of crash-tackling and fast attacking Soccer, the best I've ever seen by a female player.

Slightly built, Susan repeatedly threw her frail body into courageous tackles against the much beefier and stronger American girls.

Influenced by her brothers, Susan at 17 years of age, gave up athletics, swimming and netball to pursue a career in Soccer. Within two years, this wonderful player from Brisbane became Queensland's captain, a title she has held ever since.

From the time "Monty" has been Queensland's captain in the National championships, the Maroons have always finished either champions or runners-up.

"One of my biggest disappointments in Soccer is the fact that in eight years I've been playing with the national team, only three matches have been played here in Australia before our very own supporters. And all of them have been against New Zealand," Queensland's champion skipper lamented.

Susan Monteath of Queensland, in my opinion is Australia's finest Women's Soccer player

BORN: July 26th, 1959.

BIRTHPLACE: Brisbane.

OCCUPATION: High school-teacher in science.

PLAYING POSITION: Attacking midfielder.

CLUBS PLAYED FOR: Newmarket, South-Side Eagles, Eastern Suburbs, Grange Thistle.

CURRENT CLUB: Queensland University.

FAVOURITE WOMEN PLAYERS: Sandra Brentnall, Sylvia Neid (West Germany's No 10).

FAVOURITE MEN OVERSEAS PLAYER: Trevor Brooking and Glenn Hoddle.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE IN YOUR CAREER: My parents, Fred Robins and Jim Selby.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT IN YOUR CAREER: Losing the first Oceania Cup final in 1983 to New Zealand in Noumea. That was terrible as we led 2 nil only to lose it 3-2.

AMBITIONS IN WOMEN'S SOCCER: Maybe one day to captain Australia and to play in the first Women's World Cup in 1988.

SUPERSTITIONS IF ANY: None.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Wind-surfing.

FAVOURITE FILM STARS: Mel Gibson and Roger Moore.

PERSON YOU WOULD MOST LOVE TO MEET: Queen Elizabeth II.

MAKE OF CAR OWNED: Gemini SL.

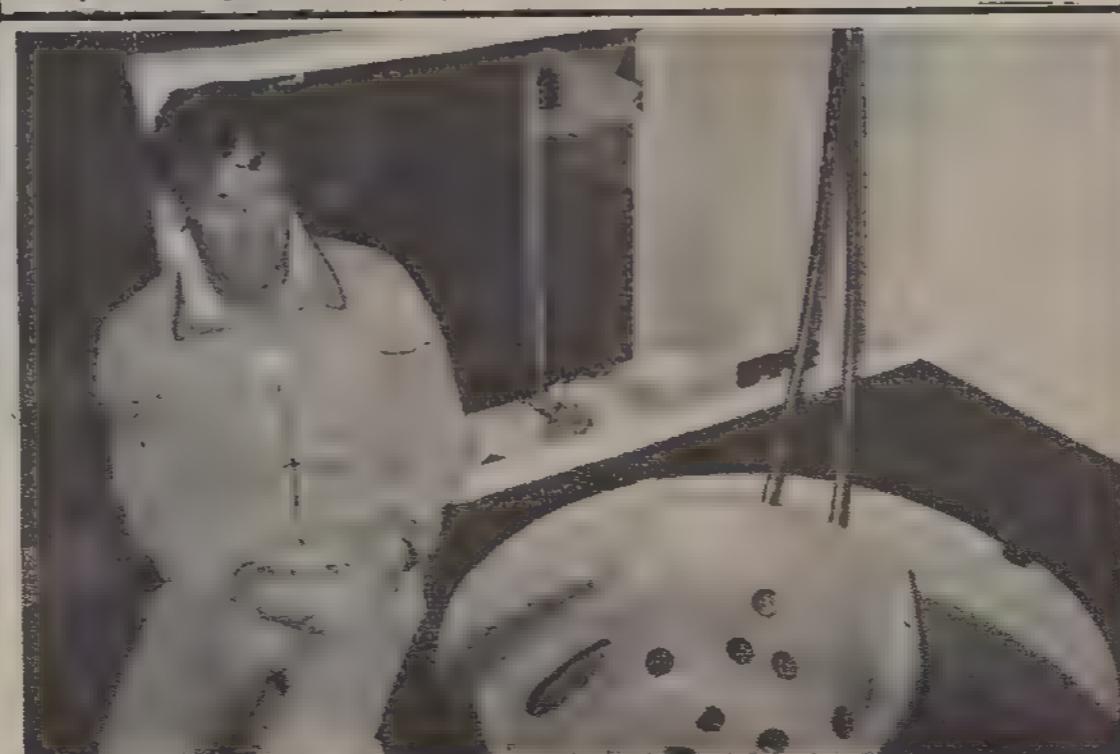
FAVOURITE T.V.PROGRAMME: Yes Minister and the Wide World of Sport.

WHAT IS URGENTLY NEEDED TO IMPROVE SOCCER FOR WOMEN IN AUSTRALIA: Money from sponsorships, more publicity and teams to tour here to create a public awareness of women's Soccer.

THOUGHTS ON THE COMING OCEANIA CUP IN N.Z.: Disappointed that not more countries are competing in Christchurch and very disappointed that the NSW girls have pulled out of the Australian team.

WHO WILL WIN THE 1986 WORLD CUP IN MEXICO: West Germany or Brazil.

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The telegram received in Canberra by Ms Heather Reid advising the AWSA of the pull-out by the NSW players from the Australian team.



Fred Robins, seen here at the Queensland University.



THE JUNIOR CROATIAN ME

with TONY RACITI



A FAIR EXCHANGE

FORMER Gladesville-Hornsby Director of Coaching John McDonald is in charge of Blacktown City's under 14 Youth League team this season.

McDonald has had a deal of success in junior coaching after a long career as a goalkeeper.

The highlight was certainly to win the Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth Bank Cup) two years running with Normanhurst Boys High School.

But it is a case of tit for tat as Ron Jackson, a success with Blacktown City's under 13 team last season, has taken over Gladesville-Hornsby's under 14s this year.

McDonald's position as Gladesville-Hornsby Association's Director of Coaching has gone to the enthusiastic and level-headed Scottish-born John Symon.

John is also coach of the district's senior club. He has served in that position with distinction in the past.

Gladesville feel that their under 15 and 16 teams will handle the pressure of their new Pool A position with credit in the coming season.

land.

The U15 team will have some pace. David Foster recently represented NSW in athletics in Hobart.

Also involved with the teams as coaches are Alan Mitchell (U13) and Mark Eykelenkamp (U15).

Gladesville representatives have a straightforward line of promotion.

The senior club, which is highly placed in Second Division, has a fine first team. This year its oldest player is 23.

Opponents will have to watch out for the under 18 team, which is an even stronger unit than it was in 1985.

This year's representative convenor is Malcolm Ellis (80-1561).

APIA TOO GOOD IN INTERSTATE CLASH

APIA Junior Soccer Club held their joint annual challenge tournament against their Melbourne counterparts, Juventus, in Sydney watched by a crowd in excess of 2000.

Apia played against their Melbourne visitors in the four Youth League age groups, with Apia being successful in three whereas Juventus were successful in the other.

Now in their third year, the annual matches have proved to be a huge success, promoting and reinforcing the already strong bond between the clubs.

All games were competitive and hard, with matches being played in the right spirit.

Neither club placed any great significance on the outcome of matches, playing each other in a friendly interstate rivalry, giving players from both clubs further experience in their development.

The matches also gave young junior players the opportunity to travel and expand their outlook on the game and life in general.

Juventus managed its only victory of the day in the Under 13 age group.

Both sides had impressive records, Apia undefeated in the Mini Ampol Cup, Juventus State champions.

Both displayed exciting end-to-end Soccer, but on the day Juventus came out winners 1-0.

The tide turned in the Under 14 clash with Apia dominating, finishing winners to the tune of 3-0.

Juventus improved from their performance of last year when they were beaten 11-0. The Under 15 encounter was a one-sided affair with Apia thrashing Juventus 9-0.

Juve were never in the match at any stage, as they were completely outclassed by a superior and more experienced side.

The Under 16s was the all-important match of the day as Apia regained the trophy they lost the previous year with a hard fought 3-0 victory.



SAYS TONY RACITI

BUSY FLO

WHEN Florence Stephenson first offered herself for election in the huge Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, she failed to win office.

After all, it was virtually unprecedented to have a member of the fairer sex in the top echelons of the sport.

For this year however, the situation changed.

Harrie Dening from Sutherland Association decided to stand down in order to concentrate on his duties as senior vice-president of the NSW Amateur Federation.

Now a known quantity, Florence became Sydney Branch president.

In her own sensible and unflappable way she is already making her mark.

She is also president of the strong Illawarra District Amateur Association, after having come through the ranks as an official of the Bellambi Junior Soccer club.

Her interest in Soccer does not stop here, as she takes a keen interest in the NSW Youth League.

Not since the days of Bruce Pleasant has Illawarra been so strongly represented at the top in administration of the amateur game.

The Illawarra Association contains 24 junior clubs.

Jan Burns is secretary. New treasurer Martin Bellamy is the former secretary of the Coonawarra club from Dapto way.

With Sydney Branch, Florence has Fred Bones, who came through the ranks in Manly-Warringah, as secretary.

Treasurer Jim Bryson hails from Sutherland Shire, where he was earlier involved with the famed Miranda Magpies Junior Soccer club.



APIA YOUTH LEAGUE

Trials for APIA's Under 13 Youth League are being held every Monday and Thursday at Leichhardt Oval No. 2 (next to swimming pools)

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Players are also required for Under 8's and Under 16s

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(Above and right) Action from the APIA — BRUNSWICK annual clash.

GRANVILLE DISTRICT SOCCER ASSOCIATION

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A HUGE CHAT TO JUNIORS AND SCHOOLS

MANY nice things have been said about the new Stadium which is officially open.

THE question of whether the grand panjandarums of Soccer in NSW are keeping up with the needs of the junior and schools market must be currently resolved in the negative.

BY KEITH GILMOUR

That is the unfortunate conclusion that must be reached when Soccer's activities in this vitally important sphere are measured against those of competitor codes.

Fortunately Soccer established a long lead over all opposition in the State and only extreme lethargy on behalf of State Federation and State Amateur Federation officials will cause it to be whittled away.

There is time to make good the delay in obtaining full-time administration, but do the game's controllers recognise the urgency of meeting the problem face on?

The test of where Soccer stands is to compare the development staffing

with the other codes.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

Coaching and development personnel in place throughout the State. Wayne Pierce handling junior recruitment on television.

RUGBY UNION:

Stephen James, 25, appointed Promotion and Development Officer, with particular stress on school development.

AUSTRALIAN RULES:

Greg Harris, 31, appointed Development Manager, with accent on country and juniors.

SOCER:

Some country coaching support from NSW Director of Coaching Alan Vest, with some weekend penetration to the country. Local directors still to be appointed. No work done on administrative improvements.

The strength of junior

and schools Soccer in NSW rests firmly with amateur officials. They have done, and will continue to do, a great job for the sport.

But in this day and generation there is a need for top class management as well.

No stone must be left unturned to modernise arrangements and keep Soccer racing ahead.

In the private schools a State-wide Cup competition was mooted over a year ago but the scene is particularly quiet.

This is sorely needed to complement the Commonwealth Bank Cup, which covers all the State schools.

Soccer must expand further in the schools, as this is where huge populations of youngsters gather.

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation should

have the ingenuity and the ability to fossick up the funds to get full-time development on the road.

The challenge to the administrators is to prove that they have the initiative to recognise the problems and objectives of the late 1980's and to do something constructive to send Soccer racing ahead.

Let us hope that they meet the challenge — and quickly.

As a footnote, look at the funding and development of the coaching centre at Valentine Park, Parklea.

Government assistance is based on the huge numbers playing junior and schools Soccer.

To lock into a worthwhile future this must be an ongoing commitment, complete with livewire, full-time development personnel.

application through the strong recommendations put forward by Vest himself.

Vest and delegated members of the NSWASF body visited all three country centres last weekend to prepare the groundwork for the introduction of a scheme that deserves to be an outstanding success for all those involved.

In 1979 and 1980 he was

QUALIFIED COACHES FOR COUNTRY AREAS

STATE Director of Coaching Alan Vest is to be applauded for being instrumental in the introduction of organising coaching courses in regional centres of NSW.

Through Vest, the New South Wales Amateur Soccer Federation have appointed Vic Renovski, Keith Healy and David O'Hearn, who will be involved, along with Vest, in conducting coaching in country centres.

Renovski will be in charge of the Western Branch, Healy will look after the Southern area, whilst O'Hearn will guide the fortunes of the Riverina.

The major responsibility of all three coaches is to implement coaching programmes in these areas under Vest's direction.

The Amateurs, who are without a doubt an organisation that is constantly and relentlessly improving the standard of the code in this State, have

again instigated a plan that will greatly benefit the development of junior players in country districts.

All three coaches will spend two weekends in each month in their allocated areas, organising and conducting coaching courses.

The exercise, which has been named "Operation Outreach," will obviously not come cheaply, and the NSWASF has allocated \$18,000 per annum to make the plan a success.

This plan follows on from the introduction of country representative sides.

The three coaches concerned have been involved in coaching courses under Vest's guidance, and they

were successful in their

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MELITA YOUTH WIN INDOOR TITLES

SQUAD members from the current Melita Eagles Under 14 Youth League enjoyed some unexpected rewards during the off season.

At the suggestion of team coach Robert Varella, the boys entered two teams in the State Indoor Soccer competition.

Both teams reached the semi-finals, and the team consisting of Mark Vandewater, Andy Juhart, Dirk Lievert, Andrew Sail, David Varella and Garry Comerford went all the way by winning the State final against Auburn 3-0.

Six boys were selected to represent NSW in the Australian Championships recently conducted at the Homebush Sports Centre.

Again they were successful by helping their team reach the national finals against South Australia.

At full-time the score was 4-4 and remained locked after extra time.

The eventual winner was South Australia — 5-4 on penalties.

Melita's indoor Soccer season was capped last week by also winning the local competition, with 17 straight wins and only a single loss, scoring 52 goals and conceding 10.

The final was a repeat of the State championship, this time downing Auburn 2-1, in an exciting game featuring some outstanding saves from keeper Mark Vandewater.

Four of the Melita boys have since been selected for trials with the Australian team travelling overseas later this year.

VINCE BALZAN IS NEPEAN'S MAN

NEPEAN District Soccer Football Association has taken a step forward by appointing Vince Balzan as Association coach.

He will be in charge of the representative team coaching, and available at all times to assist and advise the Metropolitan Championship and Metropolitan Youth League coaches, as required.

He will also conduct courses at club level. Balzan has a level 3 badge under the ASF Coaching Scheme, and has coached at grade, youth league, state and country representative level.

In 1979 and 1980 he was

the coach of the successful Gladesville Hornsby Association Under 14 and 15 teams, to Metropolitan State Championships.

Following on this, he was with Parramatta Melita Eagles 3rd grade in 1981. At state level, he coached the Under 14 and 15 sides in 1983/84 National Championships, and from these teams, George Bouhoustis, David Barrett and David Scott went on to play in the Under 16 Australian team in the 1985 World Under 16 Cup in China.

1984/85 saw him coaching the NSW Country representative teams in the Under 15's and 16's.

Vince is also on the coaching staff of the NSW coaching body under Alan Vest.

He is a firm believer in youth development, and has already made a big impression within the Association. Recently a very successful course was completed at the Penrith RSL Soccer club.

One of his main targets within the Association is to establish a coaching academy, so that all coaches in the area can meet regularly and discuss common goals and problems and learn from each other. KEITH GILMOUR

A CHINESE PUZZLE?

AUSTRALIA is not the only country where they catch them young and train them in Soccer.

This young lad was snapped having a run in Beijing in China by FIFA official photographer Henri Szwarc whilst he has there for the first ever World under 16 Championship.

The Chinese have set up a football kindergarten for boys five years of age and upwards.

It's a fun game for kiddies in Australia, but this youngster appears quite determined to succeed.



THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN



TONY DORIGO HERE FOR SIX WEEKS COACHING KIDS

BY VIC MIGLIACCIO

ASTON VILLA defender Anthony Dorigo will return to Adelaide in May during the UK off season.

His visit will be for six weeks. The former Adelaide youngster will be brought here as a special guest of the Adelaide City club.

It's unfortunate that while he's here he will not be permitted to play in competitive matches, a condition placed on him by his English club.

Tony's mission will be mainly to give special coaching and talking sessions to the club's junior sides.

Now nearly 20, the young star has come a long way since his high school days at Thorndon, when I knew him.

Somehow in my mind I knew that this young man would hit the big-time, one day.

He was absolutely Soccer-mad. On many occasions, having gone to pick him up from his Campbelltown home on Sundays to go and watch the National Soccer League games, he was never ready on time.

He was always practising kicking the ball against the wall and, according to his mum he would spend at least three to four hours a day practising at his home on his own.

As a 15 year old winger, he starred in the SA youth team, which won the National Championship in 1981. Following this he was quickly promoted by Adelaide City into the National League side.

The next year he was snapped up by Aston Villa as an apprentice professional.

He was allowed to stay and play in England without a visa, only because he had first obtained an Italian passport, by virtue of the fact that his father was born in Italy.

Villa has now converted the youngster into an attacking style full-back and recently he has been asked to take out British nationality so he can become eligible for the English international team.

Giants' exciting young prospect



• Dynamic 15-year-old winger Anthony Dorigo of Campbelltown.

Soccer Scene with Vic Migliaccio



ONE of the heroes of the SA U18 team which took out the national championship in Canberra was dynamic 15-year-old winger Anthony Dorigo of Campbelltown.

Known to his friends as "Doree", Tony plays for Adelaide City's U18 side on Saturday mornings and turns out later in the day as a Reserve for City's Second Division side.

Born in Melbourne in 1965, Tony moved to Adelaide with his family in 1966.

He started his soccer career as a six-year-old while attending Ascot Park Primary School.

For the past four years he has lived at Campbelltown and attends Thorndon High School.

Despite his youth, Tony has already played for three clubs, he played for Polonia and Birkalla before signing for Adelaide City two years ago.

He has represented SA on five occasions — U12s (twice), U13s, U15s, and U18s.

On his return from Canberra with the State U18

side he received an invitation from Adelaide City coach Bob D'Ottavi to train four nights a week with the Giants' senior side.

Tony is a skilful player, quick on the ball, with fantastic reactions.

His father Robert is a former professional player who now turns out for amateur club Newton City and is also on the Adelaide City coaching staff.

Tony is quick to pay credit for his success to his father. "At training or at the match he is always there to support me," he says.

What are Tony's plans for the future?

"First and foremost I must finish my schooling then I hope to become a full-time soccer player with Adelaide City," he says.

SA coaching director Mike Wells believes Tony has exceptional talent for his age and is one of the best prospects he has seen for the past six years.

— Vic Migliaccio.

BLAST FROM DORIGO PAST

TOP REFEREE

IN 1982 it was Tony Boskovic from Sydney and in 1986 it is Chris Bambridge from Melbourne, and down goes a lifetime ambition for Adelaide referee Donald Campbell.

Campbell is without any doubt the most experienced referee in Australia, but for some strange reason, FIFA officials have overlooked him.

Records show that he has held the FIFA badge for the last 16 years and he has made the FIFA top 10 list of longest-serving whistlers.

That is a fantastic achievement, when one takes into consideration that FIFA has over 400,000 registered referees on its books.

Campbell will turn 50 on November 20 1989, and that's the age when, by FIFA law, a referee's career ends.

As a result he will not be eligible for the World

Cup in Italy in 1990. Campbell is one of SA's most respected men when it comes to Soccer.

Besides refereeing for the past 25 years, he is also very much involved with the junior colts Association. This season he will be coaching Birkalla's U/14 premier side.

Some well-known players like Tommy Caton (now with Arsenal) and Tony Dorigo (ex Adelaide City now with Aston Villa) have been coached by him.

When asked if he was upset about missing out on the trip to Mexico, he said, "Disappointed yes, but not upset. For the benefit of Soccer I must continue to

give my best shot and, through ASW I would like to wish Chris Bambridge all the best."

And so champion Scotsman Donald Campbell will have to bail out in 3½ years time without officiating at a World Cup.

Since the introduction of the National Soccer League in 1977, he has been named in the first three best referees each year, according to the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Jim Ross and Campbell are once again SA's official referees for the 1986 NSL with Tony Maffett on stand-by.

Illawarra Jottings

WITH PHIL MURPHY

NON-PLAYING coach Eddie Mullan was declared unfit to watch his team beat Aris in the semi-final of the Corriman Leagues Club knockout.

Mullan was unable to get to the game because he was suffering from a painful back injury.

"About the time they played the game at Memorial Park, I was lying on the kitchen floor trying to get some relief," Mullan said.

"I have had back trouble since digging in my yard recently and I had to put assistant coach George Alaya in charge for the day."

Mullan admitted he was surprised when Alaya rang him to tell him Warilla had qualified for the final.

"They are not really fit because most of them didn't want to do the hard stuff when I took the job on," Mullan said.

"Whatever they do early in the premiership they will improve a lot after a few rounds."

The Warilla players were told by Mullan to go elsewhere if they weren't prepared to knuckle down to plenty of hard work.

CRINGILA coach Daryl Glover has a problem. Glover can't find a goalkeeper so it seems he will have to stay out of

retirement to guard the Cringila goal again this season.

"There just aren't as many goalkeepers around as there used to be," Glover said after a recent training session at Crehan Park.

"I would far rather sit in the dugout and criticise the blokes from there but I have to keep playing to help the club out."

Glover was in goal for Safeway United many years ago and later played centre-half with them and the old Wollongong City club.

One of Illawarra's keen young premier league coaches, Glover seems resigned to playing out the full season.

Corrimal may have been on the outer with the ISA when they were relegated last season but they are number one with the media.

The club who will have former Socceroo stars Adrian Alston and Atti Abonyi in their side this season, have built a press box.

It doesn't have a heater or colour TV set YET, but

it is a great step forward, being the ONLY press box in district Soccer.

Maybe one or two other clubs will follow Corrimal's example as it can be a sure-fire way of getting the media to your game on a cold, windy day.

FERNHILL coach Gerry Walker has had 33 players training for his first and reserve teams so it is obvious some will be moving on.

It seems Fernhill have led the popularity stakes in pre-season training and Walker may have problems working out who will be leaving.

There have been reports that some of the players not required will be snapped up by other premier league clubs so that says plenty for the first grade line-up. Walker will be able to put on the field.

THE three West-Figtree players who signed with State League Fairy Meadow in the off-season have obviously become homesick.

Daryl Burleigh, Ian Witheridge and Geoff Fellowes have been sighted back training with Figtree and turned out in the first grade trial against Fernhill.

It seems they didn't react at all well to the discipline of Fairy Meadow coach Mike Johnson so decided to get back into the district scene.

All they need now is a clearance to be able to play with their old team again.



Top-notch Australian referee — DON CAMPBELL.



U12 TONY DORIGO

Wide World of Football



EVERTON'S DEADLY DUO

EVERTON'S twin strikers Graeme Sharp and Gary Lineker are now rated the most dangerous forward duo in Britain.

They scored one goal apiece in Everton's 2-0 victory over Aston Villa — after which Sharp, a Scottish international, signed a new four-year contract.

Villa skipper Alan Evans handed out the warning: "If those two are going to be together for another four years, you can expect Everton to keep winning things every year."

TELE
PUTS
DOWN
REST

BRAZIL boss Tele Santana has dismissed his team's World Cup Group "D" opponents as easy meat!

This should interest Northern Ireland, Algeria and Spain, all of whom are looking forward to testing the magical Brazilians.

Nobody could disagree with Santana when he says: "Brazil is in the weakest group of the lot." But he's getting a bit cocky when he adds: "Only Spain poses any threat and that can be handled."

Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham is saying nothing.

He realises his team of bits and pieces has been downgraded many times before, but the Irishmen keep coming up smiling.

BRAZIL
FAIL
2-0

WEST GERMANY's Mexico hopes were given a big boost in Frankfurt last week when the Germans beat touring Brazil — the World Cup favourite — 2-0.

Scorers were Hans Peter Briegel (2 mts) and Klaus Allofs (88 mts).

The ground was almost full, with 50,000 there to revel in the home team's victory.

THERE will be a \$50,000 win bonus per man for West Germany's players if the team takes the World Cup.

And they are not the highest-paid. Some countries will at least double that figure in a bid for Cup success.



HARD GROUNDS MEAN DANGER

THREE players have been badly injured during England's freeze-up and their injuries were blamed entirely on frozen pitches.

Latest casualty was Bristol City goalkeeper, Keith Waugh, who was taken off coughing blood on a stretcher after falling and hurting his back on Blackpool's concrete-like ground.

Waugh was rushed to hospital but x-rays revealed no broken bones.

On similar hard grounds, Reading's Andy Rogers and Sheffield Wednesday goalkeeper Martin Hodge have suffered serious injuries.

"I am lucky although it's very sore. I could have landed on my head which would have been even worse," said the player.



WEST GERMAN elation, they beat Brazil 2-0.

READY CASH FROM ARABS

WALES were the first British international team to play in Saudi Arabia when they beat the Saudis 2-1 there recently and, perhaps, they were the first British team to get their match fee in banknotes!

After the game, a Saudi Arabian official handed \$40,000 to Welsh FA secretary Alun Evans, who stuffed the notes into a briefcase which almost burst at the seams. Evans clutched the briefcase all the way back to Wales!

Don't the oil-rich Arabs bother with cheques?

OSSIE MAY CARRY ON PLAYING

OSSIE ARDILES is having second thoughts about retiring and settling in his native Argentina.

Everyone assumes this will be Ardiles' final season but now he could decide to carry on for another year.

"I was very down after a double hernia operation two months ago," said Ossie, "but now I'm fit again, things are different."

"I shall definitely finish my career with Spurs, but it may not be this year."



OSSIE ARDILES

BARCELONA BUST-UP

ALLAN HARRIS has had two seasons in Spain as assistant-manager to Terry Venables with Barcelona but he's unlikely to come up with a third.

Harris believes it is time to branch out on his own and not be number two to anyone.

In Barcelona, Harris said: "I've always enjoyed working with Terry. I've learned so much from him and we have an excellent relationship. But he understands my frustration."

The tip is that Harris will be appointed boss of an English club next season although another intriguing possibility looms. If Venables leaves Spain to take over Tottenham Hotspur, as rumoured, Allan Harris would have to be in line to succeed him at Barcelona.

LOSERS
WANT
BONUS!

CADIZ have been playing some poor football in the Spanish first division, raising fears that the team could be relegated.

Exhibiting a strange sense of timing, the players have sent a delegation to the Cadiz committee demanding a bonus of \$10,000 per man if the team is not relegated.

BALL'S
BENCH
BAN!

ALAN BALL, one of England's 1966 World Cup-winners, has been banned from the Portsmouth bench for the rest of the season.

Ball, manager of Portsmouth, has appealed at the severity of the sentence although he admits bringing the game into disrepute.

"I lost my head and swore at a linesman," said Ball, "but the punishment is too severe for my first offence as a manager."

GEORDIES
CHASE
METGOD

NETHERLANDS international Johnny Metgod cost Nottingham Forest \$500,000 in July 1984 when signed from Real Madrid.

Now he could be on the move again — with Newcastle United very anxious to buy him from Forest.

Newcastle made a bid some time ago but Forest said the Dutchman wasn't available for transfer.

Things have changed. Forest boss Brian Clough stated recently that he would sell anyone to balance the club's books. Metgod included.



ALLAN HARRIS

AUSSIES ARE ON A PAR WITH SCOTS AND ENGLISH!

ISRAEL provides an accurate yardstick to Australia's standing in world Soccer these days — and the Socceroos come out of it very well.

SAYS DAVID JACK

Scotland struggled desperately to get a 1-0 win in Tel Aviv a few weeks ago.

Then, more recently, England scraped home 2-1 against the Israelis. The Englishmen were behind 1-0 until the 52nd minute and had to rely on a penalty kick in the 87th minute to win the game.

Australia, despite finishing with only 10 men, soundly beat Israel 2-1 in Tel Aviv in the World Cup qualifying match — when the Israelis were much more serious than in these friendly romps against Scotland and England.

So what does it all add up to? England, Scotland and Australia would seem to be pretty equal in ability if these figures mean anything.

Indeed Australia's two results against Scotland — when the Socceroos deserved to win in Melbourne and deserved to lose in Glasgow — provide further evidence of the strength of Australia's national squad.

British expatriates in Australia will hotly dispute this because of their implanted insularity.

Let them live with their memories. They refuse to accept that the gap between the traditionally strong nations and the allegedly weak ones has narrowed enormously over the past 20 years.

The slump in playing

standards is not confined to British teams.

In Spain in 1982, the rank outsiders from Cameroon were terribly unlucky not to eliminate Italy from the World Cup ... and the Italians went on to win the Cup!

BELOW: Australia's David Mitchell challenges Scotland's Alex Mcleish in Melbourne.



JOSE'S JOB SAFE

AT least one national coach knows he'll still be working after the World Cup in Mexico.

Brazilian Jose Faria, Morocco's World Cup supremo, has just signed a contract taking him up to September. He'll still be in

charge — even if his team gets slaughtered in Mexico.

Jose celebrated the signing by flying to Brazil for

a holiday leaving Morocco's squad in charge of his number three assistant.

Faria recently married a Moroccan lady and gave up Christianity to embrace the Moslem faith.

BLAST FOR BOBBY

AFTER England stuttered to a lucky 2-1 win against Israel in Tel Aviv, team manager Bobby Robson expressed complete satisfaction with his team and claimed it was getting to its peak in time for the World Cup in Mexico.

Nigel Clarke, London Mirror Soccer writer, blasted Robson for his

complacency.

As Clarke wrote: "Robson's verdict on England's

performance was an insult to football fans. We are going to Mexico with a

manager who has his head in the sand and is totally out of touch with public opinion."

The World Scoreboard

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	32	20	6	6	72	36	66
Liverpool	33	18	9	8	65	36	63
Man Utd	31	18	5	8	55	25	59
Chelsea	29	17	7	5	47	30	58
Arsenal	30	16	7	7	39	32	55
Sheff Wed	31	15	7	8	50	42	52
West Ham	32	15	7	8	42	35	51
Luton	32	14	9	8	44	35	51
Newcastle	30	13	9	8	45	36	50
Notts Fst	31	14	5	12	53	44	47
Tottenham	32	13	5	14	49	39	44
Watford	28	12	6	10	47	45	42
Man City	33	11	8	14	36	45	41
Southampton	32	11	7	14	41	43	40
Q.P.R.	33	11	4	18	33	51	37
Coventry	33	9	8	16	44	57	49
Leicester	31	8	10	13	45	56	42
Notts Fst	31	8	8	12	45	52	42
Brighton	31	7	8	18	45	55	48
Aston Villa	31	5	11	15	52	50	26
Birmingham	32	7	4	22	55	53	32
W.B.A.	32	3	8	21	27	57	17

DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts Fst	32	20	7	5	67	30	67
Portsmouth	32	18	5	9	53	28	59
Wimbledon	31	16	7	8	42	29	55
Charlton	29	15	6	8	53	33	51
Hull	33	13	10	10	56	44	49
Sheff Utd	31	13	8	10	51	45	47
Brighton	30	13	7	10	51	46	45
Crystal P	31	13	7	11	58	37	46
Oldham	31	13	6	14	51	51	45
Barnsley	31	11	10	10	54	51	42
Grimbsy	33	11	9	13	48	51	42
Stoke	32	10	12	10	53	42	40
Millwall	32	10	8	12	54	50	40
Blackburn	32	10	10	12	46	47	40
Bradford	29	12	4	13	35	43	40
Huddersfield	32	10	10	12	43	52	40
Shrewsbury	33	11	6	16	41	51	39
Leeds	32	11	6	15	46	54	39
Sunderland	32	9	8	15	34	50	35
Middlesbrough	31	8	8	15	31	41	32
Fulham	28	6	4	16	29	40	28
Carlisle	30	6	6	18	29	56	24

DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	33	23	4	6	53	38	73
Wigan	34	18	9	7	62	33	63
Derby	30	17	9	4	60	24	60
Gillingham	35	16	12	12	56	48	56
Watford	34	16	10	8	56	48	56
Plymouth	34	16	8	10	56	43	56
Bristol C	35	14	11	10	54	47	53
York	35	15	7	13	58	44	52
Notts Cty	34	14	10	10	52	47	52
Doncaster	36	13	12	11	35	41	51
Brentford	34	14	8	12	39	45	50
Blackpool	35	13	10	12	54	57	49
Rotherham	32	12	11	16	57	47	46
British R	32	12	8	14	39	51	42
Bolton	35	12	7	14	48	50	40
Chesterfield	34	9	12	13	39	45	39
Bournemouth	35	10	8	17	47	54	38
Bury	33	9	8	16	46	50	35
Darlington	30	9	8	13	44	55	35
Newport	35	7	14	14	34	49	35
Cardiff	36	9	8	19	42	63	35
Swansea	35	9	6	20	31	63	33
Lincoln	32	7	11	14	39	59	32
Wolverhampton	33	7	19	18	72	72	28

DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swindon	33	24	1	8	52	31	73
Chester	36	18	12	6	68	57	66
Mansfield	33	19	9	7	57	33	64
Stockport	36	16	11	9	53	47	59
Fulham	34	17	10	52	50	42	58
Hartlepool	34	17	10	52	50	42	58
Orient	33	13	9	55	43	53	40
Southend	33	14	8	11	49	49	50

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts

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UNITED LASH OUT CASH

MANCHESTER UNITED now appear to have no chance of winning anything this season which seemed a good reason to jump into the transfer market for another big buy.

This time the new boy at Old Trafford is Peter Davenport from Nottingham Forest.

The transfer fee was around \$1,500,000.

Is Davenport worth that money? He scored 16 goals for Forest last season in 35 matches — roughly the same strike rate as Mark Hughes achieved for United.

It is assumed that Davenport has been signed to replace Hughes who, apparently, is sure to play for Barcelona next season.

Manchester United's regular raids on the transfer market are usually spectacular but they haven't brought the team huge success.

United's last first division championship win was 19 years ago!

And there is no guarantee that the signing of Peter Davenport — despite the very big fee — will bring the title to Old Trafford.

Davenport toured Australia a couple of years ago and he was hardly noticed.

MARADONA JUNIOR FOR THE JUNIORS

BOCA JUNIORS have signed another Maradona.

The Argentine club, where Diego Maradona was once a star, fixed up Diego's 19-year-old brother Raul on a professional contract.

Although he is clearly a great prospect for the future, Raul's interests in the past have been inclined towards tennis, not football.



(Above) The many faces of Ron Atkinson.

ILLNESS HITS VOGTS

BERTI VOGTS has already been tipped to take over from Franz Beckenbauer as West Germany's International team manager but it is feared illness could put an end to that plan.

Beckenbauer is unlikely to remain in charge after the World Cup in Mexico although, in the unlikely event of the Germans winning the Cup, he would clearly be asked to stay.

Vogts, who played alongside Beckenbauer in Germany's national team, is in charge of his country's Under 21, Youth and Junior squads.

He was taken ill after the recent Granatkin tournament in the Soviet Union and the diagnosis was angina.

Vogts played 96 times for West Germany.



BERTI VOGTS in action in the 1974 World Cup match against Poland. Vogts is tipped to be the next West German manager.

DIBBLE READY TO GO

ANDY DIBBLE was rated the best young goalkeeper in Britain a couple of years ago when he played for Cardiff City.

He was transferred to Luton Town for \$250,000 but there the success story ended.

In two years, Dibble has played only 20 games for Luton, being kept out by the consistent form of Les Sealey.

Dibble says he wants to leave Luton now. "My career has come to a standstill — I feel a transfer would be in my best interests," he said.

Dibble is now on loan to Sunderland.

'I HATE SOCCER' — PAT JENNINGS

PAT JENNINGS, one of the great characters in British football, has suddenly decided: "I have not enjoyed my football for the past 20 years!"

Goalkeeper Jennings, 41 in June, and getting close to a world record 116 appearances for Northern Ireland, says: "It hasn't been a real sport since I first signed as a pro for Watford.

"I have enjoyed the life style but not the game. If they were honest, 95 per cent of professionals would say the same. The only enjoyment I had from football was when I played as a kid.

"It has not been a rat race for me personally but it has been for a lot of nice people I have met in Soccer."



FINAL WORLD CUP BID FROM TREVOR

TREVOR FRANCIS is back in action for Sampdoria and eager to regain his place in England's squad for the World Cup.

Francis was kept out of action with his Italian club for six weeks with a hamstring injury and also missed England's matches against Egypt and Israel.

But on the day England played in Tel Aviv, Francis made his comeback for



TREVOR FRANCIS

GREAT DANES

DENMARK's national team has been named "team of the year" in Denmark — for the third year running.

It's not surprising, really. All the best Danish players are with foreign clubs — so there cannot be much quality left at home.

THERE were plenty of upsets in the French Cup. For instance, champions Monaco were knocked out by unfashionable Le Havre. Second Division Limoges beat first division title hopes Nantes and Toulon, from the first division, were defeated by the amateurs of Evry.



DIEGO MARADONA

ARGIE COACH UNDER FIRE

THERE seems to be serious trouble already in the Argentine World Cup camp, mainly due to the huge intimidating presence of Diego Maradona.

Former Argentinian World Cup coach Cesar Luis Menotti says: "Argentina does not need a coach in the Mexico World Cup. Everyone knows that Maradona commands the team — on and off the pitch."

That sounds like a dig at Carlos Bilardo, not the only one Argentina's national coach has had to accept.

Daniel Passarella is

obviously not a Bilardo fan. The famous international defender commented recently: "As a coach, Bilardo does everything wrong. He wants the team to play a system which is against all traditions of Argentine football."

That's hardly the type of comment to win Passarella a place in the side when Bilardo picks his men.